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NEARBY

Labourer dies after portico ceiling collapses

BENGALURU

A 24-year-old labourer was killed and three others injured when a part of an under-construction portico at St. Martha's Hospital on Nrupatunga Road collapsed on them while they were working on Tuesday.

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Special CBI court summons DKS on July 1

NEW DELHI

A Special CBI court in Delhi has summoned Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar on July 1 in connection with a money-laundering case.

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Teacher shot dead as Kashmir sees 7th targeted killing in May

Militants fired at her outside school near Kulgam town

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

A Hindu teacher from Jammu's Samba district, posted in Kashmir Valley's Kulgam, was shot dead outside the school by militants on Tuesday morning. Targeted killings have thus left seven civilians dead in the month of May in the Valley.

Officials said militants fired from a close range at Rajni Bala, 36, around 10 a.m. on Tuesday. The staff and students of the Government High School, Gopalpora in Kulgam, were about to finish the morning assembly when militants intercepted Ms. Bala outside the school, which is located at a secluded place with orchards around, eight km from Kulgam town.

"The gunmen shot Ms. Bala in her head," the officials said.

The police said Ms. Bala was shifted to a hospital in critical condition but died of her injuries. She was recruited under the Scheduled Caste (SC) quota five years ago and was posted in Kashmir.

Last October, a teacher from Jammu, recruited under the SC category, was shot dead inside a school in Srinagar. "The government should do something about targeted killings. We want justice. My sister-in-law was here (Samba) two months ago. She never complained of any threat, though she did talk about lurking fear of late," a kin of Ms. Bala said.

Two Jaish-e-Muhammad men were shot dead in an anti-militancy operation in Pulwama, taking the militant death toll to 27 this month.

Seeking protection: Kashmiri Pandits during a protest against the killing of the school teacher in Srinagar. • NISSAR AHMAD

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Fall in growth | India's GDP growth slowed to 4.1% in the fourth quarter of 2021-2022, from 5.4% in the third quarter. A look at the quarterly growth from 2018 to 2022

The annual growth rate accelerated to 8.7% in 2021-22, from 6.6% in 2020-21

SOURCE: MOSPI

Q4 GDP growth decelerates to 4.1%

Economy expanded 8.7% in 2021-22

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth slowed to a four-quarter low of 4.1% during the January-March period, from 5.4% in the preceding quarter, as manufacturing output shrank, provisional national income estimates released on Tuesday show. As a result, full-year growth came in at 8.7% – a tad lower than the 8.9% pace projected in February.

Gross Value-Added (GVA) in the economy is estimated to have grown 8.1% in 2021-22, slightly lower than the 8.3% projected by the National Statistical Office (NSO) earlier. The GDP had shrunk 6.6% in 2020-21, while the GVA had contracted 4.8% in the wake of the COVID-19 lockdowns.

The Finance Ministry said the latest national income estimates 'establish full economic recovery' as real GDP in 2021-22 exceeded the pre-pandemic levels of 2019-20. On a quarter-to-quarter basis, it argued real GDP growth was 6.7% in the fourth quarter (Q4) of 2021-22, reflecting a 'sustained growth momentum' entering the current fiscal year.

The contact-dependent and employment-intensive trade, hotels, transport, communication & services related to broadcasting sector continued to languish below pre-pandemic levels, ending FY22 still 11.3% lower than 2019-20 GVA levels.

Overall GVA growth slowed to 3.9% in the January-March 2022 quarter, from 4.7% in the preceding period. Worryingly, manufacturing sector output shrank 0.2% from a year earlier.

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Centre clears ₹86,912 crore of GST dues

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Tuesday paid the entire amount of Goods and Services Tax (GST) compensation due to States up to May 31 by releasing an amount of ₹86,912 crore. The payment included a contribution from its own coffers beyond the ₹25,000 crore balance in the GST Compensation Fund.

The Finance Ministry said this was being done to assist States in managing their resources and ensuring that their programmes, especially entailing capital expenditure, could be implemented successfully during the financial year.

June compensation

As a result, the States were now only owed GST compensation for one month – June 2022, the Ministry noted. States had been guaranteed a certain level of revenue for the first five years of the GST regime, which was introduced in 2017.

"This decision has been taken despite the fact that only about ₹25,000 crore is available in the GST Compensation Fund. The balance is being released by the Centre from its own resources pending collection of cess," the Ministry said in a statement.

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Opposition to new textbooks takes a caste hue; CM defiant

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Opposition to the newly revised textbooks acquired a caste hue on Tuesday. With the electorally key Lingayat and Dalit groups now taking objection to them, the textbook controversy seems to have obtained political heft in less than a year before the State goes to Assembly polls.

The Lingayat and Dalit groups have taken objection to how lessons on Basavanna and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar have been edited to remove their critique of caste hierarchy in Hinduism, respectively. However, a defiant Chief Minister said he had on Tuesday ordered distribution of the new textbooks and they would be given to students soon.

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June-September rainfall likely to be 103% of the average: IMD

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

The monsoon rainfall from June to September is likely to be more than that forecast by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) in April, with the agency on Tuesday upping its estimate from 99% to 103% of the Long Period Average (LPA).

The monsoon rainfall over the four broad regions – central India, southern peninsula, northeast India and northwest India – for which the IMD provides a forecast, are also likely to be plentiful.

Central India and the southern peninsula are expected to get 106% of their historical average.

Rainfall is likely to be 'normal' over northeast India and northwest India.

The southwest monsoon seasonal rainfall over the monsoon core zone, which consists of most of the rained agriculture regions, is also most likely to be 'above normal' or more than 106% of its historical average.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

GDP expansion

4.1 In percentage, the growth in India's economy in the fourth quarter of 2021-22. This was a drop from the 5.4% expansion seen in the October-December quarter of 2021-22. The growth in the January-March quarter pushed the annual growth rate up to 8.7%. The gross domestic product (GDP) had expanded by 2.5% in the corresponding January-March period of 2020-21, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). The NSO, in its second advance estimate, had projected GDP growth at 8.9% during 2021-22. PTI

Fuel for Sri Lanka

40,000 In metric tonnes, the amount of diesel India sent to Sri Lanka, which is facing acute fuel shortage in the midst of its worst economic crisis. Last month, India sent an additional $500 million credit line to Sri Lanka, to help pay for fuel and other imports. In keeping with India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy, New Delhi has extended, this year alone, aid worth over $3.5 billion to Sri Lanka. With long lines for fuel, the public has been suffering for months. PTI

EU bans Russian oil

90 The percentage of Russian oil imports the European Union leaders agreed to ban by the end of 2022. This is the latest sanction the bloc is imposing on Moscow, spurred by the ongoing war in Ukraine. The embargo covers Russian oil brought in by sea, allowing a temporary exemption for imports delivered by pipeline, a move that was crucial to bring landlocked Hungary on board as the decision required consensus between all members. The EU had already imposed five previous rounds of sanctions on Russia over its war with Ukraine. AP

Italy opens its borders

294 The number of migrants who entered Italy, after authorities opened a port in Sicily to those rescued over the last 10 days in the central Mediterranean. The operations, which began on May 19 off the coast of Libya, rescued 49 children, some of whom were as young as three years old. Italy has seen a surge in migrant arrivals recently. The Interior Ministry said 18,841 migrants have arrived in Italy by sea so far this year, up by 31% over last year. This is an increase of almost one-third over last year's migrant arrivals. AP

Core sector growth

8.4 In percentage, the rise in production growth of eight infrastructure sectors in April on the back of better performance by coal, refinery products and electricity segments, according to official data. The output of the sectors of coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilizer, steel, cement and electricity had expanded by 4.9% in March 2022 while it was higher at 62.6% in March 2021 due to low base effect. The output growth in April is the highest since October 2021 when the core sector grew by 8.7%. PTI

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EXPLAINER

Questioning the safety of Aadhaar

Can Aadhaar be the one-stop solution for all identification requirements? Does it safeguard the privacy of its various beneficiaries?

THE GIST

- The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 states that Aadhaar authentication is necessary for availing subsidies and services that are financed from the Consolidated Fund of India. However, confidentiality needs to be maintained and the authenticated information cannot be used for anything other than the specified purpose.
- The NPCI's Aadhaar Payments Bridge (APB) and the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) facilitate direct benefit transfer (DBT) and allow individuals to use Aadhaar for payments. This requires bank accounts to be linked to Aadhaar.
- But more than 200 central and State government websites publicly displayed details of some Aadhaar beneficiaries such as their names and addresses. This means that this data could be potentially used to fraudulently link the rightful beneficiary's Aadhaar with a distinct bank account, embezzling the beneficiary by impersonation.

SAPTAPARNO GHOSH

The story so far: Two days after issuing an advisory asking people to refrain from sharing photocopies of their Aadhaar Card, the Unique Identification Development Authority of India (UIDAI) opted to withdraw the notification. It stated that the action was to avert any possibility of 'misinterpretation' of the (withdrawn) press release, asking people to exercise "normal prudence" in using/sharing their Aadhaar numbers.

What did the UIDAI advisory say?

The withdrawn notice had suggested holders use a masked Aadhaar card instead of the conventional photocopy, adding that the document must not be downloaded from a cybercafé or public computer and if done for some reason, must be permanently deleted from the system. 'Masked Aadhaar' veils the first eight digits of the twelve-digit ID with 'XXXX' characters. The notice informed that only entities possessing a 'User Licence' are permitted to seek Aadhaar for authentication purposes. Private entities like hotels or film halls cannot collect or keep copies of the identification document.

In July 2018, Telecom Regulatory of India's Chairman R.S. Sharma tweeted his Aadhaar number challenging users to "cause him any harm". In response, users dug up his mobile number, PAN number, photographs, residential address and date of birth. It could not be ascertained if the PAN number was actually correct. UIDAI dismissed assertions of any data leak, arguing that most of the data was publicly available. It did however caution users from publicly sharing their Aadhaar numbers.

What does the law say?

The Aadhaar (Targeted Delivery of Financial and Other Subsidies Benefits and Services) Act, 2016 makes it clear that Aadhaar authentication is necessary for availing subsidies, benefits and services that are financed from the Consolidated Fund of India. In the absence of Aadhaar, the individual is to be offered an alternate and viable means of identification to ensure she/he is not deprived of the same.

Separately, Aadhaar has been described as a preferred KYC (Know Your Customer) document but not mandatory for opening bank accounts, acquiring a new SIM or school admissions.

The requesting entity would have to obtain the consent of the individual before collecting his/her identity and ensure that the information is only used for authentication purposes on the Central Identities Data Repository (CIDR). This centralised database contains all Aadhaar numbers and holder's corresponding demographic and biometric information. UIDAI responds to authentication queries with a 'Yes' or 'No'. In some cases, basic KYC details (as name, address, photograph etc) accompany the verification answer 'Yes'. The regulator does not receive or collect the holder's bank, investment or insurance details. Additionally, the Aadhaar Act forbids sharing Core Biometric Information (such as finger print, iris scan, among other biometric attributes) for any purpose other than Aadhaar number generation and authentication.

The Act makes it clear that confidentiality needs to be maintained and the authenticated information cannot be used for anything other than the specified purpose. More importantly, no Aadhaar number (or enclosed personal information) collected from the holder can be published, displayed or posted publicly. Identity information or authentication records would only be liable to be produced pursuant to an order of the High Court or Supreme Court, or by someone of the Secretary rank or above in the interest of national security.

Is identity theft via Aadhaar possible?

As per the National Payment Corporation of India's (NCPI) data, ₹6.48 crore worth of financial frauds through 8,739 transactions involving 2,391 unique users took place in FY 2021-22.

Since the inception of the UID project, institutions and organisations have endowed greater focus on linking their databases with Aadhaar numbers, including for bank accounts especially in light of the compulsory linkage for direct benefit transfer schemes. The NPCI's Aadhaar Payments Bridge (APB) and the Aadhaar Enabled Payment System (AEPS) facilitate direct benefit transfer (DBT) and allow individuals to use Aadhaar for payments. This requires bank accounts to be linked to Aadhaar. In 2017, researchers at the Centre for Internet and Society (CIS) acquired information of various beneficiaries of such social security and employment schemes such as their Aadhaar numbers, bank account details, job card status, mobile number etc. The same year, the UIDAI in response to an RTI stated that more than 200 central and State government websites publicly displayed details of some Aadhaar beneficiaries such as their names and addresses. Both were made possible by the lack of robust encryption. This data could be potentially used to fraudulently link the rightful beneficiary's Aadhaar with a distinct bank account, embezzling the beneficiary by impersonation, made possible by the sizeable identity documents available.

The UIDAI maintains that merely knowing the bank account number would not be enough to withdraw money from the bank, stating that the individual's fingerprint, iris data or OTP to a registered mobile number would be required. CIS states that brokers are known to buy tonnes of Aadhaar documents from mobile shops and other places where the identification document is shared. Additionally, there have been instances where employees of service providers were caught stealing biometric information collected solely for Aadhaar authentication. A far-stretch means for acquiring biometrics would involve collecting fingerprints from varied places that an individual might touch unknowingly in a certain space (such as a railing of a staircase) with iris data being acquired from high-resolution cameras.

As for mobile verification, phone users in India are known to carry two or more phone numbers at one time. There could be a possibility that the number linked to the Aadhaar is not prominently used. Fraudsters could use this as an opportunity to link their phone numbers instead, update it in the bank using the available information (of the individual) and deprive them of benefits or embezzle funds.

What are some of the structural problems that the UIDAI faces?

The Aadhaar Data Vault is where all numbers collected by authentication agencies are centrally stored. Its objective is to provide a dedicated facility for the

Varied benefits: Women show their Aadhaar cards before casting their vote at a polling centre. • FILE PHOTO

agencies to access details only on a need-to-know basis. Comptroller and Auditor General of India's (CAG) latest report stipulated that UIDAI neither specified any encryption algorithm (as of October 2020) to secure the same nor a mechanism to illustrate that the entities were adhering to appropriate procedures. It relied solely on audit reports provided to them by the entities themselves. Further, UIDAI's unstable record with biometric authentication has not helped it with de-duplication efforts, the process that ensures that each Aadhaar Number generated is unique. The CAG's reported stated that apart from the issue of multiple Aadhaars to the same resident, there have been instances of the same biometric data being accorded to multiple residents.As per UIDAI's Tech Centre, nearly 4.75 lakh duplicate Aadhaar numbers were cancelled as of November 2019. The regulator relies on Automated Biometric Identification Systems for taking corrective actions. The CAG concluded it was "not effective enough" in detecting the leakages and plugging them. Biometric authentications can be a cause of worry, especially for disabled and senior citizens with both the iris and fingerprints dilapidating. Though the UIDAI has assured that no one would be deprived of any benefits due to biometric authentication failures, the absence of an efficient technology could serve as poignant premise for frauds to make use of their 'databases'.

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EXPLAINER

Looking at the UN report on the Taliban regime

Which are the foreign terrorist groups flourishing on Afghan soil? What are the internal dynamics within the Taliban post its ascension to power?

SAMPATH G.

The story so far: A new report from the Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) says that foreign terrorist organisations continue to enjoy safe haven under the new Taliban regime. The report adds that due to financial constraints, and possibly under political pressure not to embarrass the Taliban internationally at this juncture, the terrorist groups are currently in consolidation mode and not likely to launch major attacks outside Afghanistan before 2023.

What is the mandate of the monitoring team and how did it collect data?

The monitoring team assists the UNSC sanctions committee. Its report, circulated among committee members, informs the formulation of UN strategy in Afghanistan. India is currently the chair of the sanctions committee, which comprises all the 15 UNSC members. This report – the 13th overall – is the first since the Taliban returned to power in August 2021. The UN team could not visit Afghanistan for evidence-gathering. This is the first of its reports not informed by official Afghan briefings. Instead, the

• AP

team relied on consultations with UN member states, international and regional organisations, private sector financial institutions, and the work of bodies such as the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan.

What does the report say about terrorist organisations that pose a threat to India?

Two India-focussed terrorist groups, Jaish-i-Mohammed (JiM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), are reported to have training camps in Afghanistan. While the JiM "maintains eight training camps in Nangarhar, three of which are directly under Taliban control," the LeT was "said to maintain three camps in Kunar and Nangarhar". Both the groups enjoy close links with the Taliban leadership, with the LeT having a history of providing finance and training expertise to Taliban operations.

The report also says that the al-Qaeda in Indian Sub-continent (AQIS) has 180-400 fighters in Afghanistan. "Fighters included nationals from Bangladesh, India, Myanmar and Pakistan," says the report. While AQIS capabilities were "assessed as still weakened from losses as a result of the October 2015 joint United States-Afghan raid in Kandahar's Shorabak district", the outfit has also been forced to adopt a "less aggressive posture" due to financial constraints. The report notes that the name change of the AQIS magazine from 'Nawa-i-Afghan Jihad' to 'Nawa-e-Gazwah-e-Hind' suggests a "refocussing of AQIS from Afghanistan to Kashmir".

What about internal tensions?

The foremost internal division in the Taliban is between the moderate and hardline blocs. While the moderate bloc) wants working relationships with foreign partners and integration with the international system, the hardliners (consisting of senior Taliban leaders centralised around Hibatullah Akhundzada) have a more ideological stance, with little interest in international relations. Independent of both these blocs is the Haqqani Network which, while more aligned with the hardliners, is inclined towards a pragmatic rather than ideological approach to securing Taliban interests. According to the report, under the command of Hibatullah, various Taliban factions are manoeuvring for advantage, with the Haqqani Network cornering most of the influential posts in the administration.

How are ethnic dynamics in the administration?

The report believes the Kandahari (Durrani) Taliban to be in the ascendancy among the Taliban leadership, with Pashtuns getting precedence over non-Pashtuns. Several key Tajik and Uzbek commanders in the north have been replaced with Pashtuns from the south, and these decisions have come against the backdrop of an "organised campaign by Pashtuns to dislodge ethnic Tajik, Turkmen and Uzbek communities from rich agricultural land in the north".

Internal cohesion within the Taliban was easier to maintain during the insurgency period, when there was a "compelling common cause to expel foreign forces from Afghanistan", the report notes. But now that they are in power, "the Taliban's core identity of a Pashtun nationalist cause dominated by southern Taliban has again come to the fore, generating tension and conflict with other ethnic groups."

What about other terrorist groups?

Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) constitutes the largest component of foreign terrorist fighters in Afghanistan, with their numbers estimated at 3,000-4,000, and mostly located along the east and south-east Afghanistan-Pakistan border areas. Among all the foreign extremist groups in Afghanistan, it is the TTP that has benefited the most from the Taliban takeover. The report also notes that the Kabul airport attack of August 26 has elevated the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant-Khorasan (ISIL-K) to be the most prominent Da-esh affiliate in the region. While its activity declined towards the end of 2021, the group has grown in strength through prison releases and new recruitments. Meanwhile, al-Qaeda continues to enjoy a close relationship with the Taliban, celebrating the latter's success by "renewing its pledge of allegiance to Hibatullah". Noting that neither ISIL-K nor the al-Qaeda are "believed to be capable of mounting international attacks before 2023 at the earliest," the report concludes that their presence, along with the presence of other terrorist groups on Afghan soil, remain a matter of grave concern for neighbouring countries and the wider international community.

THE GIST

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Dated:31-05-2022

Tender Notification NO-01/2022-23
(Two Cover System) - (e-procurement portal)

On behalf of Governor of karnataka, The E.E, R.D.W & S Division, Mandya invited tender for the work of DRINKING WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES TO 797 RURAL HABITATIONS IN K.R.PET, PANDAVAPURA & NAGAMANGALA TALUKS AND 2 ULBs (BELLURU PATTANA PANCHAYAT & NAGAMANGALA TOWN), B. G. NAGAR AND 5 RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS OF K.R. PET IN MANDYA DISTRICT, KARNATAKA THROUGH DESIGN, BUILD, OPERATE AND TRANSFER (DBOT) MODE UNDER MULTI VILLAGE DRINKING WATER SUPPLY SCHEME from eligible bidders, Pre-Bid Meeting **Date:10.06.2022 Time:12:00 PM** (Place:Office of the Chief Engineer, Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department, Bangalore), Last Date & Time for Receipt of **Bids:01.07.2022. Time:04:00 PM,** Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening:**02.07.2022 Time :05:30 PM,** Date & Time of Financial Bid **Opening : 06.07.2022 Time:11:00 AM,** More details can be obtained through e-procurement portal of Govt of karnataka **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or from this office during working hours.**Phone No:08232-222363.**

Sd/-Executive Engineer,
Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Division, Mandya

DIPR/AD-MDY.MC&A/ 089/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BALLARI THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT12420 Date: 28.05.2022

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH e-TENDER)

Tenders are invited for the work of **"Replacement of wheels for Locomotive axle assembly". Total Tender Amount: Rs.27,00,000/-. EMD: Rs.54,000/-.** Pre-bid meeting **on 08.06.2022 at 11.00 Hrs.** Last date for submission of Bids **on 11.06.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs** and opening of Technical Bid is **on 13.06.2022 at 11.00 Hrs.** Tender documents may be downloaded from the GoK e-Procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (CHP) Mechanical-2, BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583152, Bellary District, Contact Mobile No: +919448290759.**

WATERSHED DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

7th Floor, KHB Complex,
Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560 009.

NO.WDD/AFPO/RFP/36/2021-22 Date: 31.05.2022

Tender Inviting Notice

EMPANELMENT OF RESOURCE INSTITUTIONS FOR FORMATION AND PROMOTION OF FARMER PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS(FPOs)/ PRODUCER ORGANISATIONS (POs)

The Department invites bids for **Empanelling the Resource Institutions (RIs) for Formation & Promotion of Farmer/Fishers/ Weavers Producer Organizations through Karnataka e-procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The Tender documents and detailed information for tenderers have been uploaded in the e-Procurement portal. Interested Service Providers or their authorized agents may please go through the details in the e-Procurement portal and offer the bid. The date of commencement of bid documents is **31.05.2022** and the last date for submission of bid through e-Procurement portal is **01.07.2022 by 5:00 p.m.** Pre-bid meeting will be on **14.06.2022 at 11:00 a.m.**

Sd/-
Director, Watershed Development Department, Bangalore

DIPR/CP/896/MAA/2022-23

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TENDER NOTICE

The Income Tax Department, Bengaluru invites tender for providing Integrated Facility Management Service for the Block-G, Income Tax Guest House, Infantry Road, Bengaluru on Government e-publishing system (CPP Portal) vide tender id: 2022_ITD_662444_1. The last date for submission of Bid in sealed cover is 16.06.2022 by 11:00 AM. For more details, log on to

www.incometaxbengaluru.org

Sd/-
Joint Commissioner of Income Tax (Hq) (Admn), Bengaluru.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI.

www.midnglb@rediffmail.com. PHONE : 08472 -220196

IFT No. EE/MI & GWD D/KAL/PB-3/2022-23/696 Dated : 30-05-2022

-: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT KW-3) :-

1) Detail of work : THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELEGIBAL TENDERERS FOR FLOOD DAMAGE WORKS FOR THE YEAR 2021-22, 2) Amount of Estimate : Min. Rs. 50,49,367.28 Max. Rs. 83,47,367.51, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class-1, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount : Tender Fee As Per e-Portal E.M.D. Min. Rs. 1,01,000.00 Max. Rs. 1,67,000.00, 5) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications : **08-06-2022 Up to 11.00 Hours,** 6) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders : **09-06-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 7) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **10-06-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 8) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **13-06-2022 Up to 17.30 Hours,** 9) Addl. Information : Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 10) Address of E-Portal : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

DIPR/Kalaburagi/214/MC&A/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

KARNATAKA RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PROJECT DIVISION, BIDAR

NO. EE/P.D/BIDAR/T.A/KKRDB/TENDER/2022-23/156 DATE:30/05/2022

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION CALL-3

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, as per Karnataka transparency act 1999 and 2000 item wise e-procurement tendering is notified for following prescribed road works from the eligible contractors. For more details and documents please log on to website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and requested to submit the Tenders.

1) Last date for submission Tenders through e-procurement : **15-06-2022 upto Evening 4.00 pm**, 2) Opening of technical bid: **17-06-2022 by Evening 4.30 pm,** 3) Opening of financial bid : **20-06-2022 by Morning 11.30 am** Or After Approval of Technical Bid

1) Name of work : **Improvements of Connectivity Road at Jamanagar, Improvement Road from Shedol-Chinakera Cross to Dubalagundi Waya Waravatti (K) & Rampur to Kodambal Road in Humnabad Tq (Indent No.5146),** Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Laksh) : 86.43, EMD (Rs. in Laksh): 1.73, Tender period including monsoon : 6 Months, E-procurement process charges (non returnable) : As per E-Portal

2) Name of work : **Improvement Road from Mundanal to Rampur, Handikera to Ghataboral, Kabirabad Wadi to Nandapur Wadi road in Humnabad Tq (Indent No.5147),** Amount Put to Tender (Rs. in Laksh) : 86.55, EMD (Rs. in Laksh) : 1.74, Tender period including monsoon : 6 Months, E-procurement process charges (non returnable) : As per E-Portal.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/81/MC&A/2022-23

KMF Karnataka Cooperative Milk Producers' Federation Limited

KMF Complex: Dr. M. H. Marigowda Road, DRC Post, Bangalore-560 029.
Tel: 080-25536789 / 26096834 Fax: 080-25536105, E-mail:kmfengg@gmail.com/engg@kmf.coop

IFTNo.KMF/ENGG/Hassan-Main Dairy/01475/2021-22 Date: 26.05.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION
[TWO COVER SYSTEM] [THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY]

Karnataka Milk Federation Ltd; Bangalore invites tender through e-procurement portal for the works mentioned in the below table. The interested and eligible firms may participate in the tender by logging on to web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & also contact Help desk No.-080 23010900/23010901 E-mail; hphelpdesk.blr@intarvo.com.

Sl No.	Name of the work	Qty	EMD (Rs)	Contract Period
1	Revamping and strengthening of existing Dairy to process 06 lakhs liters milk per day & related equipment with automation system for Hassan Milk Union at Hassan.	1 Job	20,00,000/-	08 Months

1. Tenders may be downloaded from dated 01.06.2022 to 30.06.2022 up to 4-00 PM.
2. Last date for Tender submission on 30.06.2022 up to 4.00 pm
3. Tender [Part 1] to be opened on 02.07.2022 at 11:30 AM.

Hence forth changes / modification in the tender, It will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

For Karnataka Co-Opp. Milk Federation Ltd.,
Sd/-
Director [Engineering-2]

रजिस्ट्री सं. डी.एल. 33004/99 REGD. NO. D.L.-33004/99

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 9th May, 2022

S.O. 2145(E).—In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act,1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building(widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH275 in the stretch of land from Km 17.3 to Km136.3 (Bangalore-Mysuru) in the district of MYSURU in the state of KARNATAKA, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in this News Paper, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under subsection(1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer and Competent Authority Mysuru with office at No.984,1 st Floor, Geetha Road, Chamarajapuram, Mysuru-570005 (0821-2333666)in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, eitherallow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km 17.3 to Km136.3 (Bangalore - Mysuru) of NH 275 in the district of MYSURU in the State of KARNATAKA

State: KARNATAKA **District: MYSURU**

Sl. No.	Survey / Plot Number	Type of land	Nature of land	Area (in Square Metres)
1	2	3	4	5
Taluk: Mysuru				**Village: Belavattha**
1	100	Private	DRY	9,344
2	105	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	1,131
3	106	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	36
4	108/ 2	Private	DRY	114
5	110/1A2	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY	29
6	110/1B	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	NAK	142
7	110/2	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY	99
8	110/ 3	Private	NAK	241
9	110/ 4	Private	NAK	528
10	111/ 1	Private	DRY	608
11	111/ 3	Private	NAK	50
12	114	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	59
13	115	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	1,260
14	116	Private	NAK	185
15	117/ 1 A	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	22
16	117/1B1	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	336
17	117/ 2	Government	ROAD	249
18	117/ 3	Private	NAK	166
19	118	Private	DRY	1,387
20	119	Private	DRY	1,011
21	130	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ NAK	1,705
22	131	Private	NAK	600
23	132	Private	DRY	750
24	201	Private	WET	993
25	202	Private	DRY	2,103
26	208	Private	DRY	407
27	209	Private	DRY	568
28	210	Private	DRY	3,135
29	211	Government	NALA	14,832
30	295	Private	DRY	88
31	82	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	1,676
32	83	Private	DRY	87
33	84	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	TEMPLE LAND	92
34	85/1	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	NAK/ ROAD	559
35	85/ 2	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	1,082
36	87	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	1,069
37	89	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	DRY/ ROAD	26
38	NALA B/W 100/ 1 & 101	Government	DRY	69
Village: Kalasthavadi				
1	28	Private	WET	151
2	31	Private	WET	64
3	329	Private	WET	119
4	33	Private	WET	484
5	334/ 1	Private	NAK	8
6	335/ 1	Private	NAK	70
7	335/ 2	Private	NAK	108
8	335/ 4	Private	NAK	99
9	335/ 5	Private	NAK	189
10	335/ 6	Private	NAK	290
11	336	Private	WET	669
12	337	Private	NAK	395
13	339/ 2	Private	WET	627
14	GT	Private	WET	64
Village: Kesare				
1	523	Private	WET	99
2	524	Private	WET	191
3	525/ 1	Private	WET/ NAK	64
4	552	Private	WET	76
5	587/2	Private	NAK	1,231
6	588/2	Private	NAK	165
7	589	Government	NALA	190
8	590	Private	WET	773
9	591	Private	WET	286
10	592	Private	WET	85
11	596/1	Private	WET/NAK	3
12	601/1	Private	NAK	43
13	602	Common (PRIVATE/GOVRNMENT)	NAK/ROAD	277
14	603	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	WET/NAK/ROAD	3,659
15	604	Common (PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT)	WET/NAK	2,511
16	NALA B/W 523 & VILLAGE BOUNDARY	Government	NALA	34
17	NALA B/W 590 & 589	Government	NALA	408
Village: Naganahalli				
1	182/1	Private	WET	106
2	184	Private	WET	81
3	185	Private	WET	86
4	187	Private	NAK	110
5	188	Private	NAK	55
6	193	Private	WET	371
Village: Siddalingapura				
1	1	Private	WET	99
2	16	Private	NAK	39
3	17	Private	WET	120
4	18	Private	WET	1,571
5	19	Private	WET	77
6	27	Private	WET	84
7	29	Private	WET	34
8	30/1	Private	WET	202
9	30/2	Private	NAK	153
10	31	Private	WET	640
11	32/1	Private	NAK	132
12	32/3	Private	WET	176
13	36	Private	WET	63
14	37/1	Private	WET	238
15	37/3	Private	NAK	98
16	38	Private	WET	17
17	4	Private	WET	77
18	41	Private	WET	73
19	46/2	Private	WET	30
20	46/3	Private	WET	30
			TOTAL	65,032

[F. No. NHAI/ PIU-RMNG/ Additional Works safety/ NH-275/ 2021-22/ 3A3]
RAJESH GUPTA, Director

Over 32% of women and 27% of men in State tried to stop using tobacco

May 31 is observed as 'World No Tobacco Day'

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

The recently released National Family Health Survey-5 (2019-2021) has revealed that 32.3% of women and 27.8% of men, aged 15-49, in Karnataka tried to stop smoking or using tobacco in any other form in the 12 months preceding the survey.

Among current users of tobacco in the State, who visited a doctor or other healthcare provider in the 12 months preceding the survey, 79.6% of women and 56.2% of men were advised to quit smoking or using tobacco in any form, the report pointed out. Among those who were present, when someone (other than themselves) smoked in their home or anywhere else in 30 days preceding the survey, 44.1% were women and 37.6% were men.

People look at the cigarette and beedi butts that were collected in Bengaluru on Tuesday.

Every year, May 31 is observed as 'World No Tobacco Day' and this year the theme is 'Tobacco: Threat to our environment'.

Overall, 39% of men and 4% of women, aged 15-49, in the country use some form of tobacco. The most common form of tobacco consumption among men is chewing paan masala or gutkha (15%), followed by smoking cigarettes (13%), using khaini (12%), and smoking beedis (7%). Among men who smoke cigarettes or beedis, 46% smoke five or more cigarettes or beedis each day on an average.

Among women, the most common form of tobacco used is chewing paan masala or gutkha, chewing paan with tobacco, and using khaini, the report pointed out.

The use of any kind of tobacco decreased from 45% and 7% among men and women in 2015-2016 to 39% and 4% among men and women, respectively, in 2019-2021.

About three in 10 men and women, who are tobacco users in the country, said they tried to stop smoking or using tobacco in any form in the 12 months preceding the survey.

More than two-fifths (61%) of female and over half (54%) of male tobacco users, who visited a doctor or other healthcare provider in the 12 months preceding the survey, were advised to stop smoking or using tobacco in any form.

Nearly half (48%) of women and over three-fifths (62%) of men were present when someone other than the respondent was smoking in their home or elsewhere in the 30 days preceding the survey.

Among men and women, the use of any form of tobacco is higher in rural areas than in urban areas. Among men, in urban areas cigarettes are more popular than any other form of tobacco.

More than six in 10 men and about one-tenth of women with no schooling or less than five years of schooling use some form of tobacco in the country, according to the report.

Tobacco use shows a substantial decrease with increasing levels of education among both men and women. However, almost one-fourth (24%) of men with 12 or more years of schooling use tobacco.

There is an equally clear and continual decrease in tobacco use with increasing wealth quintiles. More than two in 10 (22%) men in the highest wealth quintile use tobacco, in comparison with 59% of men in the lowest wealth quintile. Over 9% of women in the lowest wealth quintile use tobacco, the report stated.

Call to amend COTPA

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

To expose rampant smoking in public places, thousands of cigarette and beedi butts were collected by NSS volunteers, citizens, and civil society organizations across Bengaluru. All the collected butts were displayed at NIMHANS on the occasion of 'World No Tobacco Day', urging all the MPs from Karnataka and the Union Health Ministry to get the principal tobacco control law COTPA (Cigarette and Other Tobacco Products Act) amended and make public places 100% smoke-free.

The three-week-long campaign led by the Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka and its coalition partners collected the butts from public places like bus stops, educational institutions, parks, government offices, hospitals, tea shops, and hotels in different parts of Bengaluru.

File report on action taken on assault: High Court

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A Chief Engineer of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had allegedly assaulted the husband of a company's managing director and a director during the meeting with them on fixing rate to make payment to the company, which was given a contract to fill potholes on 182-kilometre stretch of city's roads, the High Court of Karnataka was told on Tuesday.

Chief Engineer (Road and Infrastructure) B.S. Prahalad punched and pushed the husband of the MD of city-based American Road Technology and Solutions Pvt. Ltd. and another director of the company on May 27 during a meeting, senior advocate Jayna Kothari, appearing for the company, told the High Court of Karnataka, while submitting a copy of the complaint sent to BBMP's Chief Commissioner in this regard. A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Ritu Raj Awasthi and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi, before whom these submissions were made during a hearing on PIL petitions on the condition of city roads, has directed the BBMP to inform the court about the action taken on the complaint.

The Bench also directed the company to submit the details of the assault in the form of an affidavit.

The advocate also told the Bench that the company had already filled potholes on the 182-kilometre stretch of roads but it has not received any payment from the BBMP.

Meanwhile, the Bench directed the Chief Commissioner to personally appear on June 6, the next date of hearing, as the BBMP had failed to submit a report on the progress in pothole-filling works as well as the outcome of the Chief Commissioner's deliberation on the dispute with the company over the rate for pothole filling.

The court on April 21 directed the company to immediately start the pothole-filling works and directed the Chief Commissioner to look into the dispute raised by the company on the lower rate fixed by the BBMP for mechanised filling of potholes.

The company had claimed that it was entitled for ₹1,249 per hour as per the Public Works Department's Common Schedule of Rates, Technical Working Group, but the BBMP had said that this rate is not applicable for the job assigned to the company.

Posing as the company's MD, person asks HR manager to transfer ₹28.8 lakh

Fraud comes to light after the manager informs seniors about the online transactions; hunt on to track down the accused

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The cyber crime police are on the lookout for a person, who posed as the managing director of a private company and hoodwinked the firm's HR manager to transfer ₹28.8 lakh online and then escaped. Based on a complaint by Nirmal Jain, owner of the private firm, the police have registered a case against the unknown person, charging him under various Sections of the IT Act and also under cheating and impersonation under the IPC on Sunday. Mr. Jain in his complaint said that the accused sent a WhatsApp message to the HR manager Thirupathi Rao claiming to be Paras Jain, MD of the company.

The WhatsApp profile contained the MD's photograph and the message said that it was his personal number and that he was in a meeting and was not to be disturbed.

The person then asked Mr. Rao to transfer the money to three bank accounts online on an emergency basis.

Mr. Rao carried out the instructions and transferred a total of ₹28,89,807 to the private bank account numbers mentioned in the message.

The fraud came to light when he informed the senior officials about the transactions.

The police are now trying to track down the accused based on the transactions details. This is a new trend among online fraudsters, who download the profile pictures of senior executives of the companies to cheat their office staff, said the police.

Labourer injured after colleague throws acid at him

Duo worked at a jewellery shop

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 32-year-old labourer sustained 30% burn injuries, after his colleague allegedly splashed diluted sulphuric acid on his face after a trivial row on Sunday evening. The injured, Mantu Santra, sustained burn injuries on his face and chest. He has been admitted to Victoria Hospital, while the accused, Janata Adak, has been arrested by the Halasurugate police.

The police said that the duo, who are natives of West Bengal, worked at a jewellery shop. They stayed near the shop in a rented accommodation. On Sunday they got drunk and argued over a trivial issue.

The police said that Mantu started recording a drunk Janata Adak abusing him, which enraged the latter further. In a fit of rage, he splashed acid used to polish gold and silver articles in the shop at him. Diluted sulphuric acid is used to polish gold and silver articles.

Mantu suffered severe burn injuries and his cries for help prompted neighbors to rush and shifted him to the hospital before alerting the police.

Janata Adak, who was trying to flee, was caught and handed over to the police.

This comes days after a garment employee, Nagesh Babu, threw acid on a girl he was stalking, after she spurned his overtures. Nagesh was shot at by the Kamakshipalya police for trying to escape from custody and later admitted to Victoria Hospital on May 14. He was taken into police custody on Tuesday after he recovered from the bullet injury, after a 17-day long stay at the hospital.

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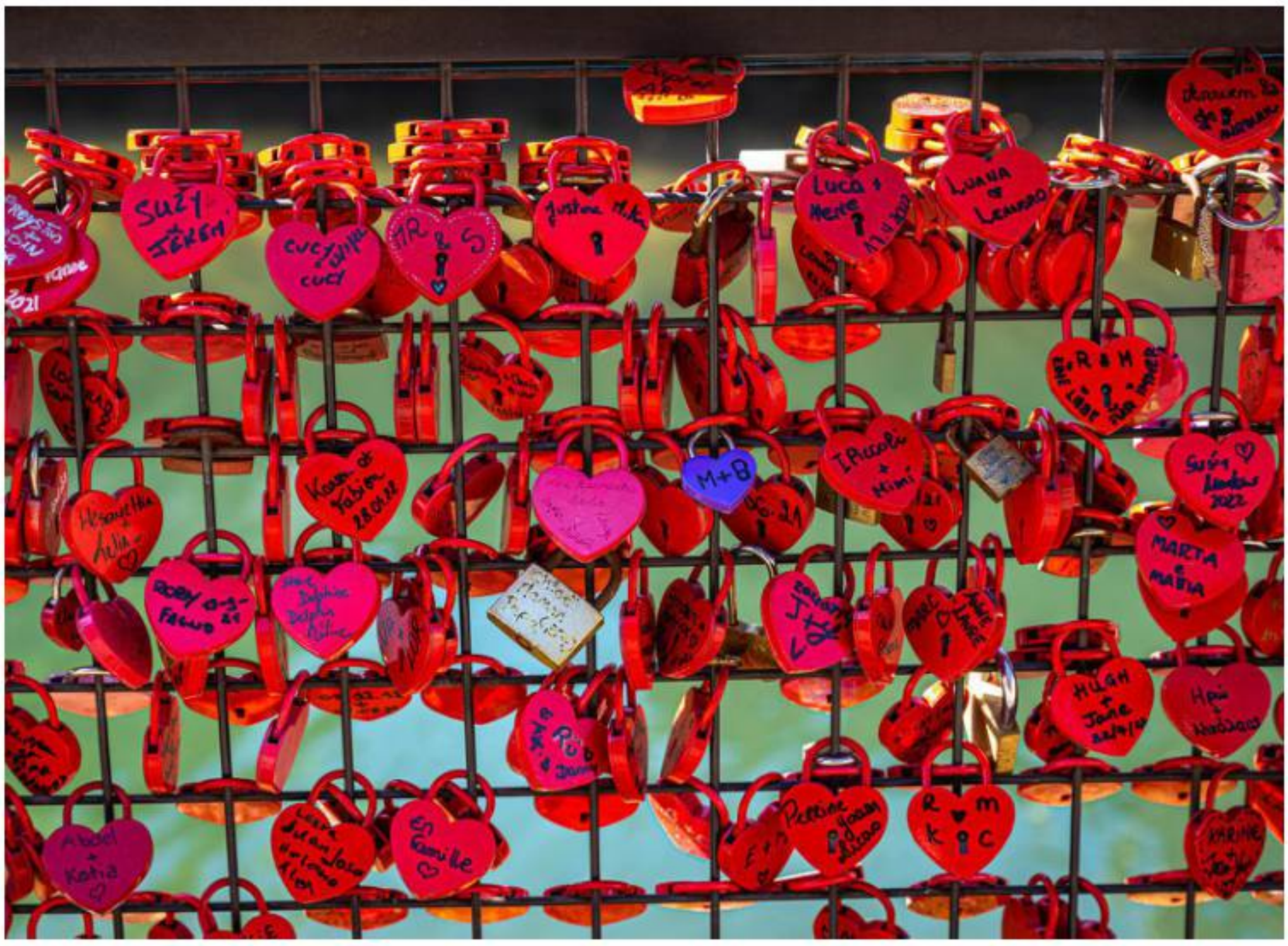

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All the world needs now is love

When the going gets tough, simply sink into the pages of some literary love stories to temporarily forget the strife-ridden world around you

SOMA BASU

The world always needs love. In troubled times even more. Two years on from the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been so much suffering and uncertainty that it is time we shed negativity and immerse into the most relatable thoughts about the beauty of life and falling in love.

For those who followed the music of the sixties, lyricist Hal David's uplifting song, "What the world needs now is love; It's the only thing that there's just too little of...No, not just for some but for everyone", couldn't sound truer six decades on.

The universal language of love

There are songs, movies, poems on the theme of love that make the world go round. But nothing can remind us better of love's universal appeal, inherent strength and an innate strangeness than literature. Each love story written is different and is not necessarily always about romance. It can be as much about our feelings and concern for friends, family, pets, environment, strangers and even our own self. Revelations and betrayals in relationships of love aren't trivial either but help to make this special emotion a combination of thoughtfulness, appreciation and selflessness. Books from yore to present are perfect examples.

From Shakespeare's *Romeo Juliet* to Charlotte Bronte's *Jane Eyre* or Leo Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina* that we have grown up reading are some of literature's epic stories that teach and celebrate love in all its forms.

What with rising complaints of marital discord and digital infidelity collapsing family ties in present times, it would be a wonderful idea to turn the pages of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's *Love in the Time of Cholera*. The Nobel Prize winning author weaves a lingering teenage passion of two young lovers, Florentino and Fermina who are compelled to part because the girl's father disapproves of their relationship. The two live separate lives till they meet again in old age – that is, after the girl marries an accomplished doctor committed to the eradication of cholera, and is later widowed. The master of magical realism that Marquez is, he explores what it means to be faithful in the 1985 novel.

Though Florentino whiles away the years of separation in multiple affairs, he reserves his heart for his teenage love. He purposefully attends the funeral of his lover's husband and after 59 years, nine months and four days, once again proclaims his love for her. Both give each other a second chance.

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It is not without reason why Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* spawns more than 200 years of adaptations. The 1813 novel examines the idea and the reality of love as the novel's protagonists find it hard to get into a contented relationship. Through a comedy of folly, Austen beautifully captures what people eternally long for in a relationship – to be truly valued by someone. Her passages communicate the importance of love in peoples' lives. With faults of some and virtues of others, she shows how life can fall into a beautiful symmetry despite bickering.

Released on valentine's day in 1970, Eric Segal's *Love Story* is about two college students from different worlds brought together in the unlikeliest of ways. Their deep love and respect for each other enables them to overcome the adversities they encounter in life: from severing ties with parents, finding jobs, completing education, fighting disease and finally death that breaks the illusion that all love stories have the 'lived happily thereafter' kind of ending. It is the strength of their love that helps to accept and acknowledge love as a beautiful understanding of a different level – where no action is meant to hurt and no apology is needed.

Through the ups and downs

John Green's *The Fault In Our Stars* recognises the simple pleasures in life and asks us to make the best of the days available and not let unfairness strip us of our desires. It helps us to realise that we all get a chance to lead a good life if we allow it for ourselves.

Olive Kitterbridge by Pulitzer winner Elizabeth Strout is about a cantankerous woman, often given to bouts of bad temper towards her long-suffering pharmacist husband. But his love for her – and, also her's for him, however strangely it is expressed – is never in doubt, and forms the fulcrum point of their life. Each time you read it, you find something new to admire about their love.

Every writers' perspective on love takes a different hue, but what remains at the core is love as an endearment that shines through to be the rule and not an exception – especially when you are engulfed in crises.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Since 2001, June 1 has been observed as World Milk Day to recognise its importance as a global food. A quiz on all things milk

1 In Greek mythology, whose milk was said to have created the milky way?

2 What is the term used for the disaccharide that makes up around 2–8% of milk (by weight) and gets its name from the Latin for milk?

3 Name the historic largest dairy development programme launched in January 1970 that transformed India from a milk deficient nation into the world's largest milk producer.

4 Name the landmark 1976 Shyam Benegal film inspired by the milk co-operative movement that was entirely crowdfunded by nearly 5,00,000 dairy farmers.

5 The Russians had a way of keeping milk from going sour by dropping which animal into the liquid?

6 In the history of milk, what is the contribution of Gail Borden Jr.?

7 Made from ewe's milk, name the cheese named after a town in France.

8 Fill in the blank: _____ is the first form of milk produced by mammals (including humans) immediately following the delivery of the newborn.

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2. The R in MPOWER, a policy package intended to assist in the country-level implementation of effective interventions to reduce the demand for tobacco, stands for this. **Ans: Raise taxes on tobacco**
3. The expansion of TNCO. **Ans: Tar, Nicotine and Carbon monoxide**
4. In 2010, this tobacco company filed a complaint against Uruguay because of its anti-smoking legislation. **Ans: Philip Morris International**
5. This country was the first to introduce plain tobacco packaging. **Ans: Australia**
6. The collective name of the six largest tobacco companies. **Ans: Big Tobacco**
7. This country is planning to ban the sale of tobacco to its next generation. **Ans: New Zealand**
Visual: This type of cigarette and the term that is associated with smoking these cigarettes. **Ans: Electronic cigarette, vaping**

Early Birds: Anupama Tiwari| Girvar Singh Chaudhary| Ritu Gurjar

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir".

"Good morning."

"Sir, is there a difference between 'Ask him whether he can come tomorrow' and 'Ask him if he can come tomorrow?'"

" 'Ask him whether he can come tomorrow' means 'Ask him whether he can come tomorrow or not'. There is a choice in this. You use *whether* when there are alternatives. In the sentence with 'whether', you are interested in finding out the convenience of the other person. You may change the day if 'tomorrow' is not suitable to him. The second sentence with 'if' implies that tomorrow is what is convenient to you. The emphasis here is on your convenience. It almost amounts to saying 'Tomorrow is convenient to me. Please come tomorrow'. You use 'whether' when you are prepared for any answer. You are not emphasising your point of view. You leave it to the person concerned. You use *if* when you show a preference for a particular answer.

Find out whether he approves of this.
Find out if he approves of this.
Find out whether he is at home.
Find out if he is at home".

"Sir, what is a 'moot' point?"

"A moot point is a debatable point. It is something that has not been settled or decided. It is a point or a question over which there is disagreement. Whether nationalisation of industries is really good is a moot point".

"It has been very hot this year, sir. We need some rains".

"We certainly need rain. When 'rain' is used in the plural it refers to the rainy season. *The rains came.*

'We are expecting rain' is different from 'we are expecting rains'. We are expecting rain means we are expecting some showers. We are expecting rains, means we are looking forward to the monsoon".

"What is the meaning of 'He is being led by the nose', sir?"

" 'To lead someone by the nose' means 'to make one submit to your wishes completely'. If X is led by the nose by Y, then Y has complete control over X. One is led by the nose when he is weak-willed. Some animals like asses are led by their noses.

Shakespeare in Othello (Act I, Scene iii) says:

The Moor is of a free
and open nature
That thinks men honest
that but seems to be so,
And will as tenderly
be led by the nose
As asses are.....'

"Well, let's stop here. Goodbye".

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye".

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Sri Narendra Modi

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Completed secondary education in Vadnagar

Introduced to RSS at the age of 8

Became a full-time worker for the RSS in 1971

Joined BJP in 1985. Worked at various levels of the party.

Helped in organizing Murli Manohar Joshi's Ekta Yatra in 1991-92

Sworn in as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001. Keshubhai Patel was the predecessor.

Re-elected as Prime Minister in 2019.

Chief Minster of Gujarat between 2001 and 2014.

2014

Led the BJP in general elections, contested for MP seat from Varanasi and won. Sworn in as the Prime Minister of India.

Parents:
Damodardas Modi
Heeraben Modi

Born on 17th September 1950
Place: Vadnagar, Gujarat

During the emergency from 1975 to 1977, Sri Narendra Modi got the opportunity to work with important leaders, including Atalji, Advaniji, Nanaji Deshmukh, socialists George Fernandes, Morarji Desai and Congressmen like Ravindra Varma, who were unhappy with emergency.

Joined as BJP's National Election Committee member in 1990. Helped in organizing L.K. Advani's Ram Rath Yatra

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Improvement of 6189 km of national highways Rs 1,06,830crore	PM Gareeb Kalyan Anna Yojana Food grains distributed: 36,27,460 MT	PM Swanidhi Yojana Total Accounts: 1,75,653 No. of accounts to which amount deposited: 1,50,314	Jeevanjyothi Bima Yojana Rs. 741.42 crore Beneficiaries - 49.95 lakhs
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Labourer killed in accident at St. Martha's Hospital

Victims were stuck under the debris for several minutes

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 24-year-old labourer was killed and three others injured when a part of an under-construction portico at St. Martha's Hospital on Nrupatunga Road collapsed on them while they were working in the early hours of Tuesday.

The victims were stuck for several minutes under the debris of the collapsed portico, before Fire and Emergency Services personnel rescued and shifted them to the hospital where one of them, Basavaraj succumbed. St. Martha's Hospital, in a statement, said one of the four was found to be unresponsive at the site of accident and attempts to resuscitate him were ongoing. However, he later succumbed to death, police sources said.

The other injured Moinuddin, Chand Pasha and Rafisab, are being treated at the hospital and said to be out of danger. St. Martha's Hospital in a statement said one of them had minor injuries, the other had fractured his leg and the third was critically injured but was revived and was undergoing treatment.

Rafisab, one among the injured, a mason, was waterproofing the site when the rooftop collapsed . The victims are from Raichur and were working as daily wagers under a contractor.

The under-construction portico which collapsed at St. Martha's Hospital in Bengaluru on Tuesday. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Three Fire and Emergency Services personnel rushed to the spot and with the help of a crane removed the debris and rescued the victims trapped inside. They were shifted to the Intensive Care Unit of the same hospital where they are being treated.

Senior officials including the in-charge DCP S.D. Sharanappa visited the spot and supervised the rescue operations. The jurisdictional police have taken up a case of death due to negligence and are probing further. The construction of the portico started two months ago and the victims were working at the site when part of the portico collapsed on them at around 6.30 a.m. The initial probe revealed that the accident occurred due to an overload and the wrong placement of supporting pillars.

The contractor, engineer and the supervisor of the site have been summoned by the police for questioning to ascertain the exact reason for the accident. The hospital termed the incident as unfortunate and said that the victims are being treated and revived. The work of OPD portico renovation was given on contract and the contractor concerned have been called seeking an explanation.

'Graduation Showcase' held

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

'Graduation Showcase', an annual event of the graduating batch of the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) was held on May 28. According to a release from NIFT, the award-winning projects of the graduating batches were displayed.

Award-winning research papers were presented in the presence of Rajendra Kataria, Principal Secretary, Department of Horticulture, Sericulture and Sports, Government of Karnataka, who was the chief guest of the event. At a fashion show in the evening, students of fashion and knitwear design presented their collection. More than 25 students bagged awards.

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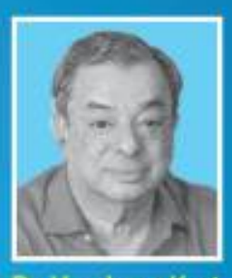

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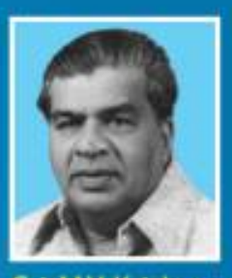

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Lingayats, Dalits object to new textbooks

'Lessons on Basaveshwara and Ambedkar edited to suppress their criticism of caste hierarchy'

JAYANTH R.
BENGALURU

The editing of lessons on Basaveshwara and B.R. Ambedkar in the new textbooks have drawn the ire of Lingayat and Dalit communities, respectively, and members of the communities have threatened State-wide protests if the "misinformation" is not removed. This comes close on the heels of members of the Vokkaliga community taking serious objection to statements by Rohith Chakrathirtha, chairperson of the textbook review committee.

The "Bharatada Mata Pravartakaru" chapter in revised class IX social science textbook has edited out Basavanna's criticism of caste hierarchy and that he started the Lingayat religion. Panditaradhya Shivacharya Swami of Sanehalli Mutt has written an open letter to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in which he has pointed out how the text has been edited. "Lines like Basavanna was a strong critic of caste hierarchy who threw the sacred thread after the ceremony, that he propounded Veerashaiva philosophy based on humanitarian values setting aside all the rituals and hierarchy in the original vaidika dharma, have been removed. Also the new text says he reformed Veerashaiva mata, which is wrong. It had to be that he established Lingayat dharma," he wrote in the letter, warning the Chief Minister that a State-wide agitation would become inevitable if the text is not corrected.

A file photo of school textbooks being given away.

> **Dr. Ambedkar was a bitter critic of caste hierarchy, which prompted him to quit Hinduism and convert to Buddhism. We will not allow this text to be taught to our children**
>
> MAVALLI SHANKAR, State convener, Dalit Sangharsh Samiti

In another lesson "Gandhi Yuga mattu Rashtreeya Horata", text on Ambedkar has been edited, Dalit organisations have pointed out and taken objection to the line: "Sad at the caste system, he quit the Hindu Dharma and accepted Buddha Dharma, which is a part of Indian tradition and had opposed caste hierarchies", being replaced with: "In his old age, he quit Hindu Dharma and accepted Buddha Dharma that is part of the Indian tradition".

Dalit organisations have come down heavily on this edit, arguing this is a clear attempt to suppress Ambedkar's criticism of caste hierarchy in Hinduism. "Dr. Ambedkar was a bitter critic of caste hierarchy, which prompted him to quit Hinduism and convert to Buddhism. We will not allow this text to be taught to our children.We have already launched an agitation, which will be further intensified," said Mavalli Shankar, State convener, Dalit Sangharsh Samiti.

Seven more authors withdraw permisson to use their writings

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

A total of seven authors revoked permission to use their writings in the newly revised textbooks on Tuesday, taking the total number of writers to revoke permission to 10.

Writer Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy wrote a letter to Minister for Primary and Secondary Education B.C. Nagesh in which he has raised concerns about the saffronisation of textbooks and misleading information about Basavanna and the defamatory statements by textbook review committee chairperson Rohith Chakrathirtha on Kuvempu.

Veerappa M. Kambali, poet Roopa Hasan, Chandrashekhara Talya, Saraju Katkar, and Madhu have also

Mudnakudu Chinnaswamy

withdrawn permission to use their texts. Ms. Hasan, in her letter to the Minister, said the newly revised textbooks were against the principles of the National Curriculum Framework-2005 and the Constitution.

Two-time Sahitya Akademi Award winner Bolwar Mahammad Kunhi has also written a letter to Mr. Nagesh and put the same on Facebook, to withdraw his story *Sullu Helabaradu* (should not lie) from the Class V textbook.

On a sarcastic note, Mr. Kunhi said the values of his story may not match with those of the other lessons in the newly revised textbook and this would confuse children and asked the government to include a text in line with the values of other lessons in the textbook.

Earlier, senior writers Devanur Mahadeva, G. Ramakrishna, and S.G. Siddaramaiah had revoked permission to use their writings to protest against the way the textbooks had been revised. H

owever, Mr. Nagesh has recently said it was too late for withdrawing permission to use any texts as the new textbooks were already being printed.

Congress seeks annulment of textbook revision committee

D.K. Shivakumar writes to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

D.K. Shivakumar, president, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC), has written to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai demanding him to 'stop the unconstitutional attack on education' in the State and immediately annul the textbook revision committee and restore the old textbooks.

In his letter, he lists out some of the objectionable changes made in the new textbooks, including editing lessons on Basavanna, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, removal of lessons by several progressive writers, projecting regionalism as anti-national and including lessons written by many those promoting communalism. Curiously, the letter doesn't mention the inclusion of a lesson by RSS founder K.B. Hedgewar, which was the first flashpoint of the controversy.

D.K. Shivakumar

"Several senior writers have withdrawn their texts from the textbooks and several other writers have resigned from government committees in protest against the textbook revision. I request you to take this on priority, annul the textbook revision committee and revert back to old textbooks," he said.

Senior Congress leader K.R. Ramesh Kumar released a press statement on Tuesday, in which he came down on the nature of textbook revision carried out by the Rohith Chakrathirtha-led committee. The educational qualifications of the chairperson of the committee itself are shrouded in mystery, he said. "This is an attempt to poison young minds. Those behind this effort seem to have chosen young children to twist and rewrite history," he said.

Student and Kannada organisations tell govt. to revert to old textbooks

They also want Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh to be sacked

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Various student organisations on Tuesday held a protest against the recent textbook revision in the State, demanding that the government immediately revert to the old textbooks and that Minister for Primary and Secondary Education B.C. Nagesh be sacked.

The Karnataka Rakshana Vedike also held a protest demonstration at Freedom Park demanding the same.

Kishan Devaiah, State convener, All-India Students' Association, said that accessing education itself was a serious concern in rural areas, where access to textbooks, uniforms, and bicycles were still an issue, leading to large-scale dropouts, the State government was only interested in imposing its ideology on the masses in the form of textbooks.

B.C. Nagesh, Minister for Primary and Secondary Education

> **The Rohith Chakrathirtha-led committee has done everything in secrecy. We need a transparent and democratic process.**
>
> VASUDEVA REDDY, State secretary of Students' Federation of India

Vasudeva Reddy, State secretary of Students' Federation of India (SFI), demanded that the government should go back to the textbooks revised under the chairmanship of Baragur Ramachandrappa, until the new ones are framed under the new National Curriculum Framework.

"The Rohith Chakrathirtha-led committee has done everything in secrecy. We need a transparent and democratic process," he said.

T.A. Narayana Gowda, president, Karnataka Rakshana Vedike, came down heavily on the newly revised textbooks for projecting regionalism and language pride as anti-national.

"How dare the committee includes texts that are anti-Kannada in the State's textbooks," he questioned, and demanded all changes be discarded and that the government revert to the old textbooks.

"Mr. Chakrathirtha has also insulted Kuvempu, our State anthem, and also senior writers like Devanur Mahadeva and Mr. Ramachandrappa. Action must be initiated against him immediately," he said.

'Minister will submit report'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU/BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Tuesday announced that Primary and Secondary Education Minister B.C. Nagesh would submit a report on the controversy over textbook revision committee chairman Rohith Chakrathirtha's remarks based on which the government would take a further decision.

He told reporters in Mangaluru that the Minister would look at the controversy from various angles and submit a report along with documents. The Minister had already met the Adichunchanagiri seer in this regard, the CM said,

in an obvious reference to the row over the episode of Mr. Chakrathirtha forwarding a spoof of the State anthem on social media.

'Boundaries are being blurred'

Webinar on mechanical engineering held

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

As part of *The Hindu* Education Plus career counselling series, *The Hindu* organised a webinar on 'Mechanical Engineering in the Digital Era', along with Dayananda Sagar Institutions recently.

Dinakaran of the Department of Mechatronics Engineering at Hindustan Institute of Technology and Science said that the boundaries separating mechanical engineering and other types of Engineering streams, like electrical, civil, and biomedical, are blurring fast.

Another panellist, Haseebuddin M.R., an Associate Professor of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering, said that the inclusion of inter-disciplinary courses and hands-on engineering experience is the best way to equip students for the marketplace.

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During the webinar, the participants asked about the job opportunities available for mechanical engineering students.

Anand Badiger of Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering addressed the concern by providing comprehensive details about job markets in the public sector, research organisations, and companies that look for mechanical engineering students.

The panellists said that in the age of automation, AI and EVs, mechanical engineering skills remain coveted.

Special team formed to investigate attack on Tikait

Three persons have already been arrested in the case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A special team has been formed to probe the exact reason behind the attack on farmer leader Rakesh Tikait. Three individuals have been arrested for assaulting the farmer leader and throwing ink on his face in the city on Monday.

The accused Bharath Shetty, Pradeep and Shiva Kumar, members of a Kannada organization, have been taken into custody to find out who supported them and the reason behind the attack.

The accused attacked Mr. Tikait with a mic placed in front of him and splashed ink on his face and shouted 'Modi, Modi' slogans. The accused was holding the portrait of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and shouted pro-Modi slogans while being escorted in a police vehicle.

They told the police that they were angry with Tikait about his stand towards the ruling government and hence attacked him. However, the investigation is on to find out the exact reason, Mr. Sharanappa, said.

The police are analyzing their background and subjected their mobiles for technical analysis to ascertain their contacts. Another team of police are probing to find out the possibility of the people who supported them directly and indirectly in carrying out the attack.

The probe so far revealed that the accused had carried black paint in a bottle. The source of the black paint is also being verified and the details of the conspiracy and for how long they planned the attack is also being probed.

COVID-19: State reports 197 new cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Tuesday reported 197 new cases taking the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) to 1.11%.

The weekly TPR touched 1.02% and the total number of cases touched 39,52,102.

Of the new cases, 178 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With one death, the State's toll remained 40,065.

Besides, 42 deaths of patients due to non-COVID-19 reasons have also been recorded.

As many as 273 persons were discharged on Tuesday taking the total recoveries to 39,09,966. Active cases touched 2,029.

As many as 17,716 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 11,957 RT-PCR tests.

With this, the total number of tests rose to 6,63,61,624.

Free medicated stents for 150 cardiac patients at Jayadeva institute workshop

Three-day angioplasty workshop will start on June 24

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, in collaboration with Medtronic, the U.S., and Govindaraju Subramani, Heart Foundation, Illinois, the U.S., will organise a free three-day angioplasty workshop for 150 patients from June 24 on its premises on Bannerghatta Road in the city. According to hospital director C.N. Manjunath, the workshop has been planned for 150 poor patients and financially constrained senior citizens.

High-quality medicated imported stents will be given for free to all these patients. Those who have already undergone coronary angiogram and have been advised angioplasty can avail this benefit. Patients have to produce either the BPL card or the low-income certificate at the time of admission. Registration must be done before June 20.

For registration, contact office of the Director Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research on 080-22977422/ 22977433 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

SWR to provide stoppage for MEMU trains at Hoodi

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The South Western Railway (SWR) will provide a temporary stoppage for two MEMU trains at Hoodi station. With effect from June 1, Train number 06555 operated between KSR Bengaluru and Jolarpettai will be given a stoppage for one minute at Hoodi station. The train will arrive at the station at 6.01 p.m.

Train number 06556 coming from the return direction will stop at the station at 6.43 a.m. The stoppage will be given on an experimental basis from June 1 to August 31, 2022.

A representational image of a MEMU train service

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KRRS, Hasiru Sene remove Kodihalli as president

H.R. Basavarajappa has been appointed chief of both the organisations

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

The State committee of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Hasiru Sene has removed Kodihalli Chandrashekhar as president of the organisation in view of recent allegations against him.

This was decided at a meeting convened in Shivamogga on Tuesday. H.R. Basavarajappa, who was honorary president of the organisation, has been appointed president of both the organizations.

Farmers' leader Kodihalli Chandrashekhar •PTI

Mr. Basavarajappa, speaking to media after the meeting, said that there had been serious allegations against Mr. Chandrashekhar. He had not denied the allegations in the press conference he addressed in Bengaluru. "We were expecting that he would resign following the allegations. However, he said he would not. Hence, we have taken a decision to dismiss him," Mr. Basavarajappa said.

Mr. Basavarajappa said it was an unanimous decision. The committee would also urge the State government to hold an inquiry into the allegations against Mr. Chandrashekhar. "Besides, the committee has formed a five-member fact-finding team to look into the issue," he said.

Mr. Chandrashekhar, who had been with the Raitha Sangha since the days of its founder M.D. Nanjudaswamy, attracted controversy after he took the leadership of KSRTC employees' strike in 2021.

A sting operation recently aired by a Kannada news channel alleged that he was into a 'deal' for a huge sum to end the strike. He was shown making allegations against many people including Rakesh Singh Tikait, who led the Delhi farm protests, in the video. Mr. Chandrashekhar, as shown in the video, claimed that Mr. Tikait was trying to broker an end to the protest by taking money. Mr. Tikait was attacked by a group of three men in Bengaluru on Monday, while he was addressing the media on the allegations against him.

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'Make workplace wellness a key result area for leaders'

A recent study from India explores the impact leadership styles have on employees' mental health

The role of corporate leaders in promoting mental health forms the crux of a research exercise titled 'All in the Mind: The Leadership Factor 2022' commissioned by Gi Group Holding, India.

Seeking the views of leaders and employees, the paper spells out how to adopt a leadership style that promotes mental health.

More than 1000 employees and 504 reporting heads/ managers participated in the survey.

Psychological safety

The top workplace psychological safety factors that leaders need to build on are:

1. Accountability: 70% of the employees and 54% of the leaders believe leaders who take accountability for the well-being of the team would ensure an atmosphere that organically promotes mental health.
2. Delegation: 65% employees and 55% leaders agree apportioning work by matching tasks with skill-sets will spare employees undue stress. Horses bred and trained for jump racing will obviously cut a sorry figure in harness racing.
3. Responsibility: 61% employees and 52% leaders vote for this factor. Assuming responsibility for outcomes is hallmark of efficient leadership . When employees can count on their leaders to do that, they would be less anxious, especially when they are trying out an innovation in their work

Leadership traits

The study notes that inherent traits of leaders and how they show up in the workplace have mental-health implications for employees.

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1. Leaders who are communicative/ responsive, supportive, confident, and demanding are seen to positively impact mental health.
2. Leaders who are rigid, anxious, aggressive or impatient are perceived to impact employee mental health adversely.

Gender factor

Employees place male and female leaders nearly on a par with each other on a range of traits, which include empathy, decisiveness, confidence and honesty. However, they rated female leaders higher on two counts

1. Being approachable (51% versus 21%)
2. Being supportive (46% versus 27%).

Sector watch

The study undertook a sector-wise analysis of the popularity of organisational support through leadership training.

1. Automobile sector (34%)
2. FMCG (33%)
3. E-Commerce (29%)

Wellness budgets

Sectors that loosen their purse strings remarkably to promote mental health are:

1. IT/ITeS (33%)
2. Consumer durables (29%)

Policy support

Sectors that lead in translating mental health concerns into inviolable policies are: The IT & ITeS sector leads policy support along with the health & pharmaceuticals sector (both 18%)

EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT

A measure to increase women's participation in the workforce

To impact female workforce participation, Quess Corp has partnered with Sustainable Menstruation Coalition, a global coalition that seeks to eradicate period poverty.

To become a "Period Victory" workplace, Quess would provide access to sustainable menstruation products for women employees; and also facilitate a safe and hygienic work environment for all gendered employees and their families, says a press release.

The partnership would extend to schools and educational institutes as part of Quess Corp's CSR arm, Careworks Foundation (CWF), the release adds.

Mastek brings employees together for grand fortieth anniversary fete

Celebrating 40 years of its operation, global digital engineering and cloud transformation specialist Mastek brought together over 1300 members of "the Mastek family" from around the country.

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Fight for 4th seat turns out to be tricky

JD(S) move is being observed keenly as its stand appears to be a key factor in RS polls from State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

BJP candidates Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, actor Jaggesh, and Lahar Singh Siroya, MLC, arriving to file their nomination papers for the Rajya Sabha elections, at the Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Tuesday; and (right) JD(S) leaders with party nominee Kupendra Reddy. •K. MURALI KUMAR

As the race for the fourth seat of the Rajya Sabha from Karnataka intensified with candidates of all the three parties filing the nomination, political observers feel that the BJP seems to be having an edge to win the seat in the current circumstances if there is no large-scale cross-voting in favour of the Congress candidate. The move of the Janata Dal (Secular) is being observed keenly as its stand appears to be a key factor.

On Tuesday, the last day for filing the nominations, BJP candidates – Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Kannada actor Jaggesh, and MLC Lahar Singh Siroya, and JD(S) candidate and former Rajya Sabha member Kupendra Reddy filed their nominations. On Monday, the Congress, which sprung a surprise by fielding the second candidate, saw both its nominees – former Minister Jairam Ramesh and Mansoor Ali Khan – file their papers.

While the BJP and the Congress, with their numbers in the Legislative Assembly, are sure of winning two seats and one seat, respectively, the fourth seat is witnessing political upmanship between strategising party leaders. The elections are scheduled for June 10, and Mr. Siroya, Mr. Reddy, and Mr. Khan will be battling out for the fourth seat. A clear picture will be known after the last date of withdrawal of nomination on June 3 if any candidate withdraws from the fray.

Additional votes

As per the calculations, the BJP, with its additional 32 votes and 90 second-preferential votes, has an edge over the Congress, which will have additional 25 votes and 45 second-preferential votes. The JD(S) has 32 votes. "While candidates have to get 45 votes each to win the first three seats, the fourth seat winner will be decided on the basis of the highest number of votes after calculating the remaining votes along with the second-preferential votes. If there is cross-voting, all these calculations will go haywire. Parties have their own calculations," Secretariat sources explained.

The development around the fourth seat, it is learnt, has made the JD(S) edgy, and the party is now awaiting its leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy's arrival from Singapore where he has gone for a medical check-up. The party is also cagey about cross-voting from some of its disgruntled legislators. On the other hand, JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda is learnt to have confabulated on the issue with AICC president Sonia Gandhi, indicating that the party is keen on securing the seat.

Meanwhile, in a scathing attack on Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah, who is believed to have impressed the Congress leadership to field the second candidate to expose an alleged internal arrangement between the BJP and the JD (S) in the polls, Mr. Kumaraswamy on Tuesday accused him sacrificing the interests of Muslim politics by fielding a Muslim candidate despite being sure of losing. "If he was interested in the welfare of Muslims, Mr. Mansoor [Ali Khan] should have been made the first candidate. What is this politics of using Muslims leaders – whom you are pushing into the guillotine – in the Rajya Sabha elections," he said in a series of tweets.

'Party's prerogative'

However, Congress sources justified the development and said that it was the party's prerogative to field the candidate to safeguard its votes.

"We are sure of winning since many legislators from other parties, especially the JD(S) who are upset with their party, are likely to cross-vote. If the JD(S) has secular credentials, then it must support our Muslim candidate instead of fielding its own candidate," party sources said.

Meanwhile, BJP leaders, including Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, the former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, and BJP State president Nalin Kumar Kateel exuded confidence that their third candidate would win the election. "I am sure of the party winning the third seat being contested by Mr. Siroya," Mr. Yediyurappa said.

Special CBI court summons Shivakumar on July 1

Judge takes cognisance of charges under PML Act

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

D.K. Shivakumar

A Special CBI court in Delhi on Tuesday took cognisance of a chargesheet filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar in a money-laundering case that originated from a prosecution complaint filed by the Income Tax authorities in 2018 on allegations of tax evasion and facilitating hawala transactions.

Special CBI judge Vikas Dhull took cognisance of charges under Section 3 of the Prevention of Money Laundering (PML) Act, Special Public Prosecutor Nitesh Rana said, adding that Mr. Shivakumar had also been summoned by the court in this case on July 1.

The ED filed this chargesheet before a Delhi court last week. The probe agency had also arrested Mr. Shivakumar in this case in September 2019, following which the Congress leader was granted bail.

Significantly, the ED's case was triggered by the chargesheet filed by the Income Tax authorities in 2018. The probe agency has alleged that a large amount of Mr. Shivakumar's wealth was created between 2014 and 2018 during his tenure as Power Minister of the Karnataka and contracts granted during this time are under the agency's scanner. Moreover, the ED has said that contracts granted to companies while Mr. Shivakumar was the Urban Development Minister between 1999 and 2004 are also under their scanner.

'Denies any wrongdoing'

Mr. Shivakumar has in the past denied any wrongdoing and said he was being targeted by the Union government for keeping Congress MLAs together in the run-up to the Rajya Sabha elections in 2017.

In addition to this, the CBI had in October 2020 registered a disproportionate assets case against the Congress leader. This case was initiated after the ED sent a letter to the Karnataka government in September 2019, saying it had discovered violations of the Prevention of Corruption Act by Mr. Shivakumar during their PMLA probe.

Based on the ED's letter, the State government had accorded sanction to the CBI to initiate a probe, following which a preliminary inquiry was initiated, which was turned into an FIR in 2020. In the CBI's FIR, the agency alleged that Mr. Shivakumar and his family members had amassed ₹74.93 crore in assets disproportionate to their known sources of income between April 2013 and April 2018.

However, a Special Court in Bengaluru has already discharged Mr. Shivakumar in the three tax evasion prosecution complaints filed by the Income Tax authorities. Following this, in April 2021, the Karnataka High Court upheld the special court's order discharging him in these cases.

Modi's welfare schemes benefit poor: Bommai

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said on Tuesday that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a big heart to work for the welfare of the last man in social order and he had worked for the social and economic upliftment of marginalised sections of society in the last eight years.

It was the working class and farmers who built the nation. Mr. Modi had launched several programmes for the welfare of these weaker sections of society, Mr. Bommai said after inaugurating an interaction programme with beneficiaries of various Centrally sponsored welfare schemes as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations.

About 18 lakh houses would be built in the State under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana over the next three years, he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice to general public that my client intends to purchase the schedule mentioned properties from Mrs. Pushpalatha and her children. Anybody objecting the said transaction or having any right title in the property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documents within 15 days of this publication. Any objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client and my client will proceed with the transaction presuming there being no claimants/objectors.

SCHEDULE

Item No.1
All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 14/4 (Old Sy.No.31/4) situated at Chowdanapalya Village, TippasandraHobli, MagadiTq. Ramanagara Dist. Totally measuring an extent of 1-21.08.00 Acres and bounded on:
East by Rangaiah, Sugaiah and Ramanna's property
West by Property purchased by the Vendor from Thimmappa
North by Kote Rangaia's children Magadi Rangaiah and Rangaswamaiah's property
South by Property of Kaveripalya chikkanna's children.

Item No.2
All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing Sy. No. 14/4 (Old Sy.No.31/4) situated at Chowdanapalya Village, Tippasandra Hobli, MagadiTq. Ramanagara Dist. Totally measuring an extent of 1-21.08.00 Acres and bounded on :
East by Venkategowda's property
West by Government lane
North by Rangaiah and others house
South by Sarkanhulla

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PM impressed by Santoshi's leadership qualities

If I was in Karnataka and a BJP worker, I would have made you contest elections, he tells her

STAFF REPORTER
KALABURAGI

Santoshi G. Aralagundagi, a beneficiary of the Union Government's welfare schemes, from Kamalapur taluk of Kalaburagi, during an interaction with the Prime Minister via videoconference on Tuesday. •ARUN KULKARNI

It was a red-letter day for Santoshi G. Aralagundagi, a resident of Kinni Sadak village in Kamalapur taluk of Kalaburagi district as she got an opportunity to interact with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday.

Mr. Modi, during his video interaction with the beneficiaries of the Union Government's welfare programmes, which was named Garib Kalyan Sammelan and organised to mark the 75 years of Independence, said he was impressed by the way Ms. Aralagundagi expressed her views.

"Ms. Aralagundagi, assume if I was in Karnataka and I was a BJP worker, I would have definitely made you contest elections," Mr. Modi said.

The Prime Minister remotely interacted with the beneficiaries through videoconference from Shimla in Himachal Pradesh.

Ayushman Bharat

Ms. Aralagundagi, who owns a departmental store, is the beneficiary of the Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centre Scheme. During the virtual interaction with Mr. Modi, she said her family members and the villagers had benefited from the government's ambitious healthcare scheme.

Ms. Aralagundagi, who spoke in Kannada (which was translated into Hindi), explained how her family benefited from the Ayushman Bharat scheme.

"The residents of Kinni Sadak were forced to travel long distances to get treatment and I used to spend around ₹3,000 a month for the treatment of my 75-year-old ailing mother, Neelamma. I used to take my mother to a private hospital at Kamalapur, which is 13 km away from our village. After ASHAs [Accredited Social Health Activists] educated me about the health scheme, I began to get my mother's diagnosis, treatment, and medicines for free on my doorstep," she said.

Though Ms. Aralagundagi spoke in Kannada, the Prime Minister said: "I am impressed by her appealing way of explaining things and the satisfaction she got from the government schemes."

"Ms. Aralagundagi, you have explained the benefits of the scheme so well and in an appealing manner. You can become a great leader of the village. Assume if I was in Karnataka and I was working as a BJP worker, then I would have definitely made you contest the elections," the Prime Minister said.

Later, speaking to media-persons, Ms. Aralagundagi expressed happiness over getting an opportunity to interact with the Prime Minister and thanked the district administration for the opportunity. She also expressed her desire to contest elections as Mr. Modi mentioned during the interaction.

ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ ಮಹಾನಗರಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ.

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಮಪಪಾಬ/ತಾಂ/15ನೇ ಹಣ/ಬೆಂ.ಪ್ರ./2021-22(2022-23) ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.05.2022

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ಡಿಪಿಆರ್/ಬಳ್ಳಾರಿ/88/ಎಂಸಿಪಿ/2022-23

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients: **1. Sri. P. K. Joseph,** aged about 57 years, son of Late P.M. Kuriakose, residing at No.32, 7th Main, 9th B Cross, Maruthi Layout, Hennur Cross, Bengaluru 560 043; **2. Sri. P. K. Jacob,** aged about 59 years, son of Late P.M. Kuriakose, residing at Sneha Villa No.13, 2nd Cross, Keerthi Layout, Kammanahalli, Bengaluru 560 084; **3. Sri. Rajavarma,** aged about 78 years, son of Late G. Ramavarma, residing at No. 801, 2nd B Cross, 8th Main Road, HRBR Layout, 1st Block, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru 560 043 inform the general public that they have **terminated the Joint Development Agreement dated 04-02-2016 and revoked the General Power of Attorney dated 04-02-2016** entered by them with **M/s. Akshaya Builders, Developers Promoters,** having its office at No.28, "BHOOMI PARADISE", BEML Main Road, Opp. Kai Durga Maa Temple, HAL 3rd Stage, Bengaluru 560 075 represented by its Partners, 1. Mr. Arya Lohith Reddy 2. Mr. V. Jayachandra Reddy, in respect of the composite schedule property morefully described hereunder with effect from **20th July 2021.**

My clients hereby bring to the notice of the general public that any transactions done or to be done by M/s. Akshaya Builders, Developers Promoters either as Power of Attorney holder or as a Developer in pursuance of the Joint Development Agreement and General Power of Attorney both dated 04-02-2016 will be invalid, void and not binding on my clients.

Hence, the general public is hereby cautioned not to deal with the Composite Schedule Property in any manner.

COMPOSITE SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land bearing **Sy No. 78/4** measuring **1 Acre 02 guntas** situated in **Horamavu Agara Village,** K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural/ residential purpose vide Official Memoranda **(1)** bearing No. ALN(E) SR/47/13-14 dated 07.09.2013; **(2)** bearing No. ALN(KRPH)SR/112/13-14 dated 22.02.2014 **(3)** bearing No. ALN(KRPH) SR/121/14-15 dated 25.04.2015; **(4)** bearing No. ALN(KRPH)SR/123/14-15 dated 25.04.2015; and bounded as follows:

On the East by : Land bearing Sy No. 78/2
On the West by : Road and remaining portion of land bearing Sy No. 78/4
On the North by : Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No. 78/4
On the South by : Remaining portion of land bearing Sy No. 78/4

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Legislature should think of amending Cr. PC: HC

'Should enable conduct of trials even in the absence of accused persons'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has suggested that the legislature should think of bringing a suitable amendment to the Code of Criminal Procedure (Cr. PC) or to the special law of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, to enable the courts to conduct the proceedings in the absence of the accused.

"Such an amendment, perhaps, may deter unscrupulous elements who would resort to avoiding service of summons or execution of warrant against them," the High Court has observed.

Justice Sreenivas Harish Kumar made these observations while setting aside two separate judgments passed by a magistrate court and a sessions court, which had convicted an accused person in a cheque dishonour case in his absence.

A magistrate court in Udupi in 2018 had convicted one G.H. Abdul Khadri of Shivamogga district for issuing five cheques even though he had not appeared before the court for the trial despite service of summons. The accused had issued five cheques for ₹50,000 each to the complainant, Mohammed Iqbal of Udupi district.

Citing a judgment of the apex court, the magistrate had said that the presence of the accused was not necessary as evidence against him was based on documents filed by the complainant. A sessions court in Udupi had in 2019 agreed with the findings of the magistrate court.

Blindly relying

"...unhesitatingly, it can be stated that the judgment of the trial court is a very good example as to how justice suffers if the judges blindly place reliance on case law without understanding the true purport of the principles laid down in those decisions with utter disregard for the first principles of law," the High Court said in its order.

Pointing out that trial court erred in understanding the apex court's judgment, the High Court made it clear that there is no provision in the Cr. PC for keeping an accused *ex parte* similar to one found in the Code of Civil Procedure which provides for placing a defendant *ex parte* if there is due service of summons or notice on him.

"Speedy trial does not take the meaning of jumping the stages in a criminal trial," the High Court observed while pointing out that law required to be amended to record evidence in the absence of the accused if for any reason the presence of the accused cannot be secured despite exhausting every mode of service of the court's summons.

The High Court remanded the case to the magistrate court to conduct trial again and directed the accused and the complaint to attend the trial.

₹1,279 crore transferred to farmers' accounts in State

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Central government on Tuesday transferred a sum of ₹1,279.86 crore to bank accounts of 49.3 lakh farmers of the State under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi. So far, the Centre has credited ₹8,702.29 crore to the bank accounts of 53.83 lakh farmers through the direct benefit transfer facility, said a release from the State Agriculture Department.

Vandita Sharma takes charge as Chief Secretary

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Vandita Sharma, who took charge as Chief Secretary on Tuesday, is the fourth woman to occupy the post.

Senior IAS officer Vandita Sharma (1986 batch) on Tuesday took charge as Chief Secretary of Karnataka and got down to work by meeting officials and taking stock of programmes and projects of the State.

Ms. Sharma took over from P. Ravi Kumar, who retired on Tuesday. She will be in office till November 2023.

On Monday, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and other Ministers praised Mr. Ravi Kumar for his service and the measures he had implemented to handle COVID-19 situation in the State.

Ms. Sharma is the 39th Chief Secretary of the State and the fourth woman to occupy the coveted post. She is also honorary president of the Karnataka IAS Officers' Association.

Now, apart from Ms. Sharma, two other women are occupying top posts in the State Secretariat – M.K. Vishalakshi is Secretary of the Legislative Assembly and K.R. Mahalakshmi is Secretary of the Legislative Council.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

R. SAMPATH LAKSHMI
W/o. MANGAPATHI RAJAN
Palamaner, Andhra Pradesh
12.01.1941 - 01.06.2021
Fondly Remembering & Missing you
ANURADHA, JANARDHAN, TEJA & KAMAL

DEATH

OBITUARY

Dr. S. PREMILA
(alias) Saraswath Premila
M.D., D.G.O., M.N.A.M.S.
Wife of (late) N.V. Venkatesh
Expired on 27-05-2022.
She was 86.
She was former Director, Institute of Obstetrics & Gynaecology and Director of Medical Services Govt. of Tamilnadu
Contact Nos. 9840730614 9940032790 9940544022

DEATH

OBITUARY

Mr. MANUEL KRISHNAMURTHY (RIP)
Former PRO & MMS, Chennai Port Trust
slept in the Lord Jesus Christ
(31.7.1934 - 26.5.2022)
Psalms 17:15 But as for me, my contentment is not in wealth but in seeing My Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and knowing all is well between us. And when I awake in heaven, I will be fully satisfied, for I will see HIM face-to-face.
Fondly remembered by
Wife, Daughter, Son-in-Love & Grace, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
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YouTube Link:
https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjfU9UK9fZ1KJUahrKOzOO6kbCeVBlrr
https://youtu.be/Peeo3ru02I
Email: mikesmcumi@yahoo.com

In Loving Memory of

H V Iyer
DOB: 28-02-1938 - DOD: 31-05-2022
Passed away peacefully in Belagavi on 31st May, 2022.
Deeply Mourned by
family and friends. Ph: 9902291805

No UGC nod for varsity's distance learning courses

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The University Grants Commission has issued a notification that the open distance learning programmes offered by Periyar University are in violation of the UGC Regulations, 2020. It has cautioned the students not to join any such programme offered by the university; otherwise, their career would be in jeopardy.

The UGC has said the university was recognised by the erstwhile Distance Education Council for the period from 2007-08 to 2014-15 and by the UGC Distance Education Bureau for 2019-20 (academic session January 2020 only) for offering such courses.

UGC Secretary Rajnish Jain said in the notification that the UGC had received representations that the university's open distance learning branch was functioning without a full-time director and faculty members and inadequate non-teaching staff members. The complaints would be forwarded to Tamil Nadu's Secretary for Higher Education "for fact-finding and needful action".

The university's open distance learning programmes were in "gross violation of the conditions laid down under UGC (Open and Distance Learning Regulations), 2017, and UGC (Open and Distance Learning Programmes and Online Programmes) Regulations, 2020, and their amendments from time to time".

Lowest voter turnout at Thrikkakara

Final voting figures of the byelection in Kerala is 68.75%

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

Notwithstanding what appeared to be a blistering start to voting with long queues in front of most of the polling booths in the initial hours, the final voting figures of 68.75% in the byelection to the Thrikkakara Assembly constituency in Kerala held on Tuesday eventually fell below last year's Assembly election voter turnout of 70.39%.

In fact, it was the lowest voter turnout since the constituency was formed in 2011. In 2011, the polling was 73.76% followed by 74.71%, which remains the highest ever turnout till day.

Out of the total electorate of 1,96,805, just 1,35,294 exercised their franchise. Polling was held across 239 polling stations.

Patient wait: People standing in a queue to vote for the Thrikkakara bypoll on Tuesday. • THULASI KAKKAT

With the rain staying away, the voter turnout touched 8.15% at the end of the first hour raising the spectre of a potential record turnout. It rose to 15.97% at 9 a.m. and then to 23.75% an hour after. A steady flow of voters continued as polling reached 31.54% at 11 a.m. and 39.34% at 12 noon.

However, polling lost a bit of momentum in the afternoon probably owing to the hot and humid conditions. The average hourly turnout of voters fell below the 7% mark for the first time as the polling figures crept to 45.77% at 1 p.m.

In the next hour, less than 6% voters turned out at the polling booths taking the voting to 51.47% at 2 p.m. The same trend continued in the next hour when polling reached 57.17%. It further dipped slightly in the next couple of hours to touch 66.78% by 5 p.m.

The low voter turnout in Kochi Corporation areas within the constituency seems to have dragged down the voting percentage.

While in most booths in the Corporation areas polled less than 60%, it even fell below 50% in some of the booths.

Voting percentage among male voters consistently exceeded that of their female counterparts through the day, though the latter held the upper hand in terms of absolute numbers. But that was unsurprising considering that female voters exceeded their male counterparts by 1,01,530 to 95,274.

One held in fake video case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kochi city police on Tuesday nabbed the key accused suspected of creating the fake Twitter profile used to upload a fake video of Left Democratic Front (LDF) candidate Jo Joseph on social media.

The accused, taken into custody from Coimbatore in the wee hours, was identified as Abdul Latheef, 40, of Kottakkal. He is reportedly an IUML sympathiser and has criminal antecedents having previously booked for cases registered under IPC 302 (murder) and 307 (attempt to murder), the police said.

"Our technical team has confirmed that he is the one who created the fake profile," the police said. So far, seven persons have been arrested in the case.

Medical seats cancelled: Students knock on health varsity's doors

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
WARANGAL

The National Medical Commission's (NMC) reported decision to cancel 450 MBBS seats – 150 each in three private medical colleges – and around 70 PG medical seats in two of these institutions located in Sangareddy and Vikarabad districts of Telangana, citing "infrastructure deficiencies and shortage of faculty" has left first-year students on the tenterhooks.

The move comes nearly a month after the admission of students into medical courses through NEET counselling for 2021-2022, much to the disbelief of the students.

The action follows the recent inspection of these colleges by the NMC teams to assess infrastructure facilities, faculty strength, and patient inflow at the teaching hospitals, sources said. However, the managements of the three private colleges have reportedly appealed to the NMC to withdraw the decision in the interests of students, sources added.

Parents of the aggrieved students were in for a shock when they heard about the NMC's reported move. Many among them, who admitted their children in these colleges by borrowing education loans through counselling for management (B category and C (NRI) category) quota, are a worried lot.

Demands of endosulfan victims remain unfulfilled

C.P. SAJIT
KASARAGOD

The recent death of a 58-year-old mother and her 28-year-old daughter at Panathady village in Kerala's Kasaragod has brought back the focus on the problems and challenges faced by the families of endosulfan victims.

This is not the first case. Eight years ago, an endosulfan victim, affected by cancer, allegedly ended his life when his name failed to appear in the list of victims affected by the agrochemical.

While the Opposition has termed the deaths as government-sponsored, activists feel that better infrastructure facilities, including palliative care hospitals, setting up of rehabilitation villages, and the recommendations of the National Human Rights Commission are yet to be implemented.

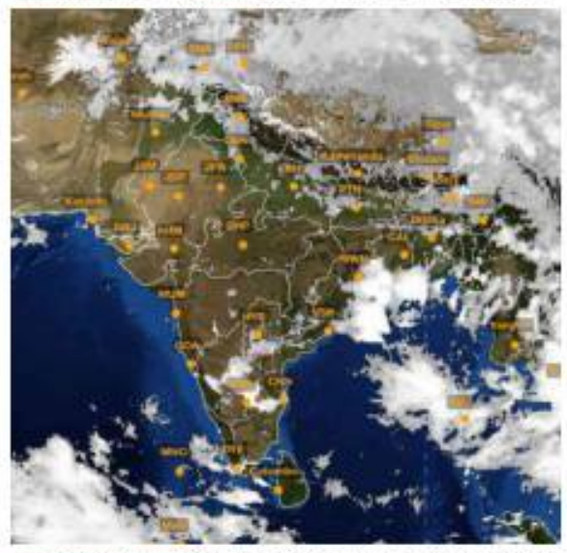
K.K. Ashokan, secretary of the Confederation of Endosulfan Victims' Rights Collective, said the mother was under huge stress after her endosulfan-affected daughter was sent back from the special school at Parappa. "Had there been a palliative care hospital, the problems faced by them could have been addressed," Mr. Ashokan said.

Endosulfan victims and families continue to face social isolation, and they need palliative care, he said.

M.A. Rahman, an activist, said the district has over 10,000 patients. "They suffer from depression, financial problems, and social boycott in silence." Former Health Minister K.K. Shylaja had laid the foundation stone for the first phase of the endosulfan rehabilitation village in Malliyar panchayat. It was then promised that the work would be completed in 10 months. However, there has been no progress, he said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Vidarbha, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe and Lakshadweep

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	3	34.8	25.6	Kozhikode	–	34.6	25.9
Ahmedabad	–	41.6	27.8	Kurnool	–	38.4	28.0
Aizawl	–	27.2	21.4	Lucknow	–	41.0	29.4
Allahabad	–	43.6	30.2	Madurai	–	37.0	26.0
Bengaluru	6.9	30.4	20.6	Mangaluru	14	31.0	22.6
Bhopal	–	41.0	29.2	Mumbai	–	34.4	29.0
Bhubaneswar	–	38.0	27.7	Mysuru	5	32.8	21.0
Chandigarh	–	42.5	29.7	New Delhi	18	39.4	20.4
Chennai	–	39.3	29.0	Patna	–	38.6	27.2
Coimbatore	–	34.0	24.0	Port Blair	12	31.9	25.7
Dehradun	–	37.9	23.8	Puducherry	–	36.5	26.5
Gangtok	0.5	22.0	16.9	Pune	–	37.7	24.2
Goa	–	34.1	26.4	Raipur	5.6	42.4	28.2
Guwahati	6	34.8	26.0	Ranchi	–	37.8	25.6
Hubballi	–	32.0	22.0	Shillong	0.1	24.7	16.7
Hyderabad	–	39.0	27.6	Shimla	–	31.4	19.6
Imphal	12	31.4	21.5	Srinagar	–	24.7	13.7
Jaipur	–	41.8	31.5	Thiruvananthapuram	0.7	31.8	24.7
Kochi	–	31.0	25.2	Tiruchi	9	36.6	25.0
Kohima	22	24.6	15.6	Vijayawada	–	43.0	28.4
Kolkata	–	34.6	28.1	Visakhapatnam	–	34.0	30.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO2	NO2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	59	40	42	37	100	
Bengaluru	19	74	14	66	86	
Chennai	6	26	50	35	54	
Delhi	5	–	59	316	303	
Hyderabad	36	28	14	68	134	
Kolkata	11	12	19	77	102	
Lucknow	6	65	33	238	180	
Mumbai	6	3	19	143	265	
Pune	120	23	55	131	91	
Visakhapatnam	–	–	–	–	–	–

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bihar Sharif, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 362 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Gadag, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 30

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Tirupati ghat roads to be strengthened

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I, POORNA Subramanyam, 26 yrs, R/o B401, Rohan Akriti Apts, Kanakapura Road, B'luru declare that Pooma Subramanyam, Pooma S, 2 names belong to myself vide affidavit dt.30.5.22 before Notary L Puttaraju, No. LAW/LCL/274/2020.
I, HARISHA Shetty, S/o Sudhakara Shetty, R/o Lacchamma Nilaya Kudtarbailu, Kanyana, Hebri Post, Udupi-576112 have changed my name to Harish Shetty, vide affidavit dt: 31.05.2022 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, B'lore.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, SWIKRITI, D/o Yogesh Pani Residing at Flat No. TB1, SVS Ramanasri Maples, S R Layout 9th Cross, Besides Cambridge Engineering College, Krishnarajapuram, Bengaluru -560036, have changed my name to Swikriti Pani vide affidavit dated 30.05.2022 before Notary, G Rajendra, Bengaluru

ANNOUNCEMENTS
I, JC-414508H Nb Sub Santhosh Kumar Singh, presently Serving with 2 Para(SF), Hebbal, Bangalore-560092 have changed my son's Date of Birth from 22 Dec 2003 to 22 Dec. 2004, vide Affidavit dated 2nd May 2022 before Notary Sanjay Kumar, Patna.

LOST & FOUND
THIS IS to inform that I,Prabhakar C, Joint Commissioner of Income Tax, have lost on 28-05-2022, the Dept ID card: KAR/GEN/1575 issued by Addl. CIT(HQ) (Admn), Bengaluru. 8762302551

PUBLIC NOTICE
GENERAL PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT, my client SRI.SHIVASHANKAR, S/o.Late P.Subbarayappa has lost the Original registered Partition Deed, dated: 05.05.2012 with respect to the Schedule Property hereunder, Regd. as Document No.CMP-1-00562-2012-13, Book-I, stored in C.D. No.CMPD47, registered at the office of Sub-Registrar Chamarajpet, Bangalore, in transit on 24-05-2022 (who is the present owner of the Schedule Property). And that, my client has lodged the lost complaint before the concerned Police Station on 24-05-2022, having Serial No 229536 and Lost Report No.0229538/2022 and so far he has not received the same from the public. That, my client requests the public if anybody has traced the said document, please handover the same to him or to the undersigned office within 7 days from the date of publication hereof.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the First Floor premises of the Residential Property bearing Municipal No.76/1, having PID No.46-5-76/1, situated at 3rd Main Road, Chamarajpet, Bangalore, measuring about 2250 Square Feet, with all the right, title and with 50% undivided share or 1620 Square Feet or 15 Feet x 108 Feet of right, title, interest in all that piece and parcel of the land in the immovable residential property bearing amalgamated BBMP Khata No.76, PID No.46-5-76, totally measuring East to West: 30 feet and North to South: 108 feet and bounded as follows:- On the East By : Property No.75 belonging to Sri.Nagappa, West By : 5 Feet Common Passage and Thereafter Property No.77 belonging to Sri.Lingappa, North By : 3rd Main Road, South By : Conservancy Lane.
Sd/- GANESH B.R, Advocate,
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E-tender was invited by General Manager (IT), JBVNL for 'Supply, Installation and Operations & FMS Support of AMI System in Electricity Supply Circle of Jamshedpur & Dhanbad for 3 lakh consumers (approx.)' floated vide NIT No. - 87/PR/JBVNL/2020-21 is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstances.
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BRIEF NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (NIET)
On behalf of the President of India, item rate e- tender are invited for the following works:
Name of Work : NIT NO & Date: Rate Contract for repair of wall cracks at LEOS Campus, Aryabhata Campus & Guest House, Peenya, Bangalore-58. E-Tender Notice No: CMG/LEOS/2022-23/LMN-04 Dtd:30.05.2022
Estimated cost put to tender in: Rs.5.12 Lakhs & EMD Rs: 10,234/-. Period of Completion in months: 03 months. Tender document can be downloaded from: Opening date: 31.05.2022. Closing date: 09.06.2022.
Name of Work : NIT NO & Date: Proposed new Facilities for HASS & Baffle Test Facility at LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore-58 (Civil work Part-2) . E-Tender Notice No: LEOS/CMG/HASS/BAFFLE/CW-03/P2/2022-23 Dtd:30.05.2022. Estimated cost put to tender in: Rs. 26.04 Lakhs & EMD Rs: 52,072/-. Period of Completion in months: 02 months. Tender document can be downloaded from: Opening date: 31.05.2022. Closing date: 13.06.2022.
Name of Work : NIT NO & Date: Modification in Room 64 for Proposed New Sun lab at Lab block, LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore-58. E-Tender Notice No: CMG/LEOS/2022-23/LMW-03 Dtd:30.05.2022. Estimated cost put to tender in: Rs.5.80 Lakhs & EMD Rs: 11,595/-. Period of Completion in months: 02 months. Tender document can be downloaded from: Opening date: 31.05.2022. Closing date: 09.06.2022.
Name of Work : NIT NO & Date: AMC for operation & maintenance of electrical installations at LEOS Campuses, Peenya, Bangalore-58. E-Tender Notice No: LEOS/CMG/EW-06/2022-23 Dtd:30.05.2022. Estimated cost put to tender in: Rs.109 Lakhs & EMD Rs: 2,18,000/-. Period of Completion in months: 12 months. Tender document can be downloaded from: Opening date: 31.05.2022. Closing date: 20.06.2022.
Name of Work : NIT NO & Date: Modification & replacement of deteriorated compressed air piping network at LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore-58. E-Tender Notice No: LEOS/C&MG/LCMS-1/Compressed Air/ETN-01/2022-23 Dtd:23.05.2022. Estimated cost put to tender: Rs.16.35 Lakhs & EMD Rs: 32,700/-. Period of Completion in months: 05 months. Tender document can be downloaded from: Openingfor date: 31.05.2022. Closing date: 13.06.2022.
Name of Work : NIT NO & Date: Providing Air-conditioning and Modular Clean Room of Class 10,000 for proposed New facility for HASS & BAFFLE Test Facility at Lab Block Ground Floor, LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore-58. E-Tender Notice No: LEOS/C&MG/CLN_RM_AC/HASS & BAFFLE/ETN-01A/2022-23 Dtd:25.05.2022. Estimated cost put to tender : Rs.161.34 Lakhs & EMD Rs: 3,22,680/-. Period of Completion in months: 08 months. Tender document can be downloaded from: Opening date: 31.05.2022. Closing date: 21.06.2022.
Name of Work : NIT NO & Date: Providing Ductable Split AC units for Server Rooms and Bonded store area at Admin Building, Lab Block and Aryabhata Building of LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore-58. E-Tender Notice No: LEOS/C&MG/LCMS-1/Server & Bonded Room AC/ETN-02/2022-23 Dtd:30.05.2022. Estimated cost put to tender: Rs.21.70 Lakhs & EMD Rs: 43,400/-. Period of Completion in months: 03 months. Tender document can be downloaded from: Opening date: 01.06.2022. Closing date: 15.06.2022.
Name of Work : NIT NO & Date: Replacement of Existing MS Platform and Piping network of Cooling Tower at 2nd terrace of MEMS Building, LEOS Campus, Peenya, Bangalore-58. E-Tender Notice No: LEOS/C&MG/LCMS-1/MEMS/Cooling Tower/ETN-03/2022-23 Dtd:30.05.2022. Estimated cost put to tender: Rs.12.69 Lakhs & EMD Rs: 25,380/-. Period of Completion in months: 03 months. Tender document can be downloaded from: Opening date: 01.06.2022. Closing date: 15.06.2022.
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This is to inform that my client Mr. RAGHAVAN VENUGOPAL S/o Krishnan Venugopal, C/o Abdul Baseer Khan, No.33/12, 2nd Floor, Robertson Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore (Ph:9902237771), has lost the Original Deed of Absolute Sale dated 21-08-2009, regd.Doc.No.BDH-1-01381-2009-10, Book-I,C.D.No.BDHD25, Sub-Registrar, Bidarahalli, Bangalore, executed by Sri G.L.Reddy @ G. Lalenathereddy in favour of Raghavan Venugopal & Old Receipts in respect of Site No.70, Kh.No.485 and Site No.71, Kh.No.487, Kadu Sonnappanahalli Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, BETQ, B'lore and he has lodged a complaint with Bengaluru City Police vide Lost Report No.8234687/2022, dated 31-05-2022. Any finder may kindly contact and return the same to the undersigned and will be suitably rewarded and if anyone has any claim/s over the said property may also lodge their claim/s with substantial documents.
Sd/- T.M.S.AFZAL AHMED (Advocate)
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Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Southern Railway, Thiruvananthapuram-14 for and on behalf of The President of India invites e-tenders for the following work.
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Name of work: Annual Zonal Contract for Signal & Telecom gears for FY 2022-23 in TVC Division.
Cash Value (Approx.): ₹ 75,00,805/-
Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 1,50,000/-
Completion period: 12 Months
Sl.No.2; Tender No.: TVC-SNT-TELE-22-23-04
Name of work: Provision of HMIS hardware infrastructure for introduction of HMIS in Railway Hospitals (RH/TVP) - Phase-I in TVC Division.
Cash Value (Approx.): ₹ 4,65,633.54
Earnest Money Deposit: ₹ 9,300/-
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Caution first

The UIDAI should not downplay the possibility of leaked Aadhaar numbers being misused

In a bizarre reversal on Sunday, the Union government withdrew a notification from a Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) office cautioning people against sharing photocopies of their Aadhaar card, just two days after the advisory was issued, claiming that it would be "misinterpreted". The May 27 notification that was issued by the Bengaluru Regional Office of the UIDAI urged people to use the masked Aadhaar number facility – that can be downloaded from the UIDAI website – and which displays only the last four digits of the Aadhaar number. This was a sensible advisory. The masked Aadhaar facility has been in place since 2018 and this came about following a report by the Centre for Internet and Society that publicly available datasets had sensitive details such as full Aadhaar number details and also included bank account details of individuals. The dangers of providing the full Aadhaar number to several agencies – the use of the Aadhaar card and the number for various purposes today has only multiplied exponentially – are evident in the way these numbers have been used by fraudsters for criminal purposes such as identity theft, Know Your Customer (KYC)-related fraud among others in recent years, and which have been documented in news reports. The UIDAI has itself registered far more potential fraud cases related to the issue highlighted above in recent years compared to the past. Other scams that are of a higher order have also been revealed recently, related to biometrics theft that have allowed scamsters to steal welfare benefits at the expense of genuine beneficiaries. The Internet is rife with leaked data and this poses a major threat to user privacy.

The UIDAI has, however, been ambivalent about the inherent dangers in the indiscriminate use of the Aadhaar number or the Aadhaar card by citizens, as evidenced in its series of flip-flops on the issue even before this latest withdrawal notice. There seems to be a contradiction of views within the authority on the issue of potential misuse of the Aadhaar number. On the one hand, in statements advising caution and user discretion in revealing one's Aadhaar number, it is seeking to treat these as sensitive information just like the biometrics provided by citizens to the authority. Yet, on the other, it has sought to universalise the open use of the Aadhaar as an identity document with missionary zeal and has downplayed the risks of doing so. This ambivalence does not help at all. The UIDAI must popularise the use of the masked Aadhaar facility as a start and rethink ways to tighten the scrutiny over how Aadhaar numbers are issued and utilised even as law enforcement agencies crack down on data leaks and websites carrying unmasked Aadhaar-related information.

Women at the top

For civil service to be truly representative, women must rise up at all bureaucracy levels

Taking another step towards equity, three women, Shruti Sharma, Ankita Agarwal and Gamini Singla, secured the first, second and third ranks, respectively, in the 2021 Civil Services examinations conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). Considered one of the toughest examinations to crack, the girls emerged successfully at the top in their second attempt, and in the case of the second-ranker, in her third try. All three women agreed that it was a long, difficult and challenging journey. With 10 of the top 25 rank-holders being women, there is a lot to celebrate – and ponder over. According to the latest All India Survey on Higher Education report, published by the Ministry of Education for 2019-2020, the gross enrolment ratio in higher education for the female population is 27.3%, compared to 26.9% for males. In this backdrop, women comprised only 26% – or 177 – of the total of 685 candidates recommended by the UPSC for appointment to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), Indian Foreign Service (IFS), Indian Police Service (IPS) and Central Services, Group A and B. This skewed statistic must change because public service offers a unique opportunity to bring about social change, and women can drive this, especially in a country where girls often have to drop out of school for a variety of reasons, from poverty, early marriage to lack of toilets.

Ms. Sharma hails from Bijnor (Uttar Pradesh), Ms. Agarwal from Kolkata and Ms. Singla from Sunam (Punjab), and each of their stories is that of struggle and persistence. It has been a hard-fought battle for women to come this far in the IAS, and sometimes a trickier road awaits them once inside the steel framework of the administrative setup. If three women are at the top today, they have a lot to thank trailblazers such as Anna Rajam Malhotra (née George), the first woman to join the Indian Administrative Service in 1951, or C.B. Muthamma, the first woman to join the IFS in 1948 who fought a landmark case in the Supreme Court of India when she was looked over for a promotion for Ambassador, or even Anita Kaul who worked tirelessly to champion the Right to Education Act 2009 which made education a fundamental right for every child. The early part of a civil servant's career is usually spent in rural or semi-urban India, giving her a vantage point over issues including women's health, literacy, economic independence, caste and gender disparities that are in need of reforms or policy intervention but are often overlooked due to lack of a proper understanding. To achieve this, education is the key. Also, if civil service has to represent all sections of the population, of which half are women, their representation in the services too must increase at all levels of the bureaucracy, starting with the highest rung.

A judicial course that calls for introspection

On a constitutional plane, the verdict in 'Perarivalan' deserves a re-look or review as it stands on wobbly foundations

V. PARTHIBAN

The recent decision of the Supreme Court of India in the case of A.G. Perarivalan and the Rajiv Gandhi assassination case has stirred up a hornet's nest for its constitutional righteousness and establishing its supremacy as the final arbiter of enforcing constitutional discipline. The decision has been hailed by some major political parties as a blow for federalism.

Court's extraordinary route

The Court has treaded the extraordinary constitutional route under Article 142. The power to do 'complete justice', for grant of remission and consequent premature release. The Bench decided to exercise the power of grant of pardon, remission *et al.*, exclusively conferred on the President of India and State Governors under Articles 72 and 161. In the teeth of foundational bedrock and cornerstone of separation of powers viz. Parliament/Legislature, Executive and Judiciary, whether the course adopted by the Bench to do expedient justice is constitutional calls for introspection.

The predominant purpose of this article is not Perarivalan-centric, as a convict, or whether the cry of an agonising mother deserved relief or not. The focus is only to evaluate the constitutionality of the decision in the context of Article 142.

The power under Article 161 is exercisable in relation to matters to which the executive power of the state extends. While the Governor is bound by the advice of the Council of Ministers (Article 163), the binding nature of such advice will depend on the constitutionality of the same. Article 161 consciously provides a 'discretion' to the Governor in taking a final call, even if it was not wide enough to overrule the advice, but it certainly provides latitude to send back any resolution for reconsideration, if, in his opinion, the resolution conflicted with constitutional ends. In *M.P. Special Police Establishment* (2004 (8) SCC P.788) a Constitution Bench had held that the "Concept of Governor acting in his discretion or exercising independent judgment is not alien to the constitution".

Implication of 'consultation'

In the other Constitution Bench judgment in Sriharan's case (2016 (7) SCC P.1), arising out of the core of the Rajiv Gandhi assassination itself, one of the references placed for consideration was whether the term 'consultation' stipulated in Section 435 Cr.P.C. implies 'concurrence'. It was held that the word 'consultation' means 'concurrence' of the Central government. The Constitution Bench highlighted that there are situations where consideration of remission would have trans-border ramifications and wherever a central agency was involved, the opinion of the Central government must prevail.

Basing its conclusion on the legal position that the subject matter (Section 302 in the Indian Penal Code) murder, falls within Lists II and III (State and Concurrent lists) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, the learned judges concluded that the State was fully empowered to take a call and recommend remission in this case.

If it is a simple case of being a Section 302 crime, the reason for finding fault with the Governor's decision to forward the recommendation to the President may be constitutionally correct. But the larger controversy as to whether the Governor in his exercise of power under Article 161 is competent at all, to grant pardon or remission in respect of the offences committed by the convicts under the Arms Act, 1959, the Explosive Substances Act, 1908, the Passports Act, 1967, the Foreigners Act, 1946, etc., besides Section 302, is in wobbly terrain.

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According to the decision, it is a simple murder attracting Section 302 of the IPC and therefore the Governor's decision to forward the recommendation to the President is against the letter and spirit of Article 161 – meaning it is against the spirit of federalism envisaged in the Constitution. Such reasoning, with respect, amounted to reductionism, oversimplification of the commission of heinous offence against the Indian state by the convict as co-conspirator, viewing it as an ordinary crime clothing the executive of the state with the power of pardon, remission regardless of its trans-border repercussions and the integrity/security of the country. Surprisingly, nothing has been said on this vital aspect in the order.

Article and issues

Having unprecedentedly concluded that the executive of the state is competent to decide, the Bench invoked Article 142 of the Constitution to usurp the power of the Governor of the State under Article 161. There are momentous issues that are flagged on the exercise of the power of remission under Article 142, by the Supreme Court in the present factual context.

The first is whether Article 142 could be invoked by the Court in the circumstances of the case when the Constitution conferred express power on the Governor alone, for grant of pardon, remission, etc., under Article 161. In the case on hand, the Bench found fault with the Governor not having taken a decision on the recommendation of remission by the State Cabinet for a long time. The fault of the Governor became more intense in the opinion of the Bench, when the Governor eventually referred the matter to the President of India for his decision, after sitting over the recommendation for more than two years.

Deeper examination needed

The entire investigation of the crime was by the Central Bureau of Investigation alone. In the teeth of the specific ruling in Sriharan, with reference to the invocation of power by the State government in terms of Sections 432 and 433 of Cr.P.C, the power exercisable by the Governor under Article 161 in respect of the subject matter is not so clear and obvious as ruled by the Bench. Whether what the State government could not achieve directly by invoking Sections 432 and 433 of Cr.P.C, without concurrence of Centre could be allowed to take a contrived route *vide* Article 161 and achieve its objectives is a pertinent issue. This aspect requires deeper judicial examination for the sake of constitutional clarity.

The second aspect is the delay in taking a decision by the Governor in the matter. The Constitution does not lay down any timeframe for the Governor to act on the advice of the Council of Ministers.

In a case like the present one, a long consultative process was imperative due to several litigations repeatedly being pursued at the instance of the convicts, under one legal pretext or the other.

In any event, even if the delay was constitutionally inexcusable or was vulnerable to challenge, the final arbiter of the Constitution (Article 245) could not have trumped Article 161 with Article 142, which is constitutionally jarring. It is usurpation of power of another pillar of democracy. With utmost respect, the constitutional course, if at all, may have been to put it back in the lap of the Governor with a nudge and a wink to 'decide' within a reasonable timeline.

Forgotten sentiments

The Tamil Nadu State Assembly resolution dated September 9, 2018 and the consequent Cabinet recommendation was to 'respect Tamil sentiments'. What of the sentiments of the victims of the crime? An oft forgotten genre, as Justice V.R. Krishna Iyer pithily put it in his purple prose, "It is a weakness of our jurisprudence that the victims of crime and the distress of the dependents of the prisoners do not attract the attention of law" (1980 (SCR)(1) P.846). The Bench has regretfully bid farewell to such humane inputs.

To portray the remission as to what it was not in the State is a sad fallout the lawlords on the pulpit may not have bargained for. And on the constitutional plane, this verdict deserves a relook, even a review, as it stands on wobbly foundations built with creaky credence.

In 2016 (1) SCC P.463 (*Rajbala vs State of Haryana*), the top court presciently wrote, "A judge should always bear in mind that erroneous and fallacious exercise of discretion is perceived by a visible collective." – the visible collective being We The People.

The evolving principle of constitutional moralism and justice dispensation by the constitutional courts may as well heed the distressed cries of the real and imperceptible victims before showering their grace on the perceptible offenders.

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Shining a light on Germany's stand in the Ukraine war

Deciding on a course of action could mean modification of several decades of its mainly non-interventionist policy

AMIT DAS GUPTA & KRISHNAN SRINIVASAN

The Russian invasion of Ukraine has sent shockwaves through the world, especially in Europe, being the region most immediately affected. The countries close to the Russian border, namely the Baltic states and Poland, had long warned against such a possibility, which they considered the next step after the annexation of Crimea in 2014 and the month-long Russian military build-up along the border. The Germans, the strongest European economy and the key nation for the European Union, however remained indifferent, regarding such warnings as exaggerated alarmism.

This attitude was not only the fault of the current Federal Government, formed by the Social Democrats, the Green Party and Liberals. Former Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrat conservatives, then in alliance with the Social Democrats, had retained the hope that Russian President Vladimir Putin might be deterred if offered concessions without any penalties. Even after Moscow, for the first time since 1990, had created a new border in Europe in 2014 with the annexation of Crimea, a major pipeline project, Nord Stream 2, between Russia and Germany, was approved and almost operationalised. In regard to the warnings about possible Russian intentions, the German government believed that it understood Russia better than the rest of the world, which eventually turned out to be wishful thinking.

An over and underestimation

The lack of realistic thinking in foreign affairs in a country holding arch-realist Otto von Bismarck in high esteem might appear absurd for an India struggling with two powerful neighbours with nuclear weapons as a fact of life in this century. While the Germans, based on a particular mindset, have overestimated their influence on the Kremlin and underestimated Mr. Putin's security obsessions over the past three decades. The first

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category falls under the term 'peace-dividend', after overcoming the Cold War and Germany's partition, surrounded by friends without any hostile neighbours. And the second was the German-Gandhian dream of a world without any arms, an especially attractive concept for a people who had initiated, and suffered most from, the destruction of Europe in two world wars in the 20th century.

The consequences of these pacific views have now become more visible. Despite being one of the richest countries, Germany starved its armed forces financially. The Army has a highly diminished number of serviceable helicopters, submarines or artillery. As a result, while Ukraine pleads for weapons of all kinds to defend itself, Germany has hardly anything to offer except tanks that had been decommissioned a decade ago and for which there is no ammunition available.

Near taboo subjects

Apart from such practicalities, mental reservations stand in the way of steering a different course, which can be observed throughout German society. After Hitler, Germans struggled hard to become likeable in the world, and to be regarded as democratic, pacifist, cooperative, understanding and helpful. As a result, military force, power politics and national interest have become almost taboo subjects, and declining to be involved in conflict has become the national mantra. Defending the national interest, such as the protection of export opportunities which are the basis of German wealth, by sending the navy to protect certain shipping routes was approved by the Parliament, but condemned as a relapse into military adventurism in large sections of the media.

This same attitude is found even among leading Social Democrats such as their chairman in the Parliament, Rolf Mützenich, who built his career in the belief of a world without arms. Apart from the criticism in the media and among the public, the views of dignitaries such as Mr. Mützenich make the current Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, appear indecisive, because he cannot rule in favour of arms deliveries to Ukraine due to massive resistance within his own party.

The Green Party is prone to facing a similar dilemma; its Ministers in the cabinet are the most outspoken in supporting Ukraine by whatever means available, but there is growing discontent among its pacifist-minded supporters, who do not support the argument that the victims of an invasion require to be supported. Germany is an important member of the European Union and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, but is extremely conflicted on how deeply it should be involved in supporting Ukraine. Deciding on such a course of action will mean a further modification of several decades of a mainly non-interventionist policy.

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UPSC examination

It is women's power to the fore with Shruti Sharma, Ankita Agarwal and Gamini Singla topping the 2021 Civil Services examination (Page 1, May 31).It is also heartening that more women are breaking the glass ceiling and bagging key positions in the corporate world as well.

N.J. RAVI CHANDER,
Bengaluru

■ It is heartening to note that the top ranks have been secured by women. Women holding positions of leadership augurs well for our country. What is even more gratifying is the fact that young brilliant minds still find the civil services to be a huge draw. Well done, women. Well done, UPSC.

BALASUBRAMANIAM PAVANI,
Secunderabad

■ That women have done well is heartening for it is testimony to the grit and the determination of women to walk the extra mile and achieve success. For decades, the all-India civil services has remained a male bastion. Women are proving themselves to be equally efficient administrators. There is no doubt that the success stories will propel many to dream big and achieve their goals.

M. JEYARAM,
Sholavandan, Tamil Nadu

■ This time, women aspirants have raised the bar. According to media reports many of them pursued their goals despite problems such as additional responsibilities. Their success stories will inspire young minds to chase their dreams come what may.

Dr. D.V.G. SANKARARAO,
Nellimarla, Andhra Pradesh

■ It is a measure of the extent of awareness, advancement and progress of Indian women and augurs well for the future of our society. Women have been found to be not only less corrupt but also better administrators – at least from the ordinary citizen's point of view. Another notable aspect is that more women could have begun looking for a career in the civil services. One can only hope that this healthy trend would continue and more and more women join the civil services.

KOSARAJU CHANDRAMOULI,
Hyderabad

■ It is a delight that women have done well in the Union Public Service Commission's Civil Services Examination. But, at the same time, it appears that the number of candidates succeeding is dwindling by the year – 685 candidates in the published results. What is happening? I remember that during the late 1970s and 1980s, i.e. during my days as a young aspirant, it used to be around 800 on average. Whatever be the administrative reforms, one cannot accept that the requirement of personnel is coming down by the year. Are vacancies being under-reported, thereby enabling the Government (and probably State governments also) to cut expenditure without it being noticed?

P. MANGALACHANDRAN,
West Ponnani, Kannur, Kerala

Eight-year rule

What is it that has distinguished the eight-year rule of Narendra Modi from that preceding it? It has made Hindutva central to Indian politics. No other period since Independence has seen India's retreat from secularism as a result of the implementation of the Hindutva agenda as Mr. Modi's tenure as Prime Minister. The situation is so worrisome now that hate speeches and targeted attacks are considered as a measure of one's love for the country. Inter-faith relations have come under great strain now. The country becomes the loser when the Prime Minister is on the wrong side of the ideological battle. As for 'the fast track of development' Mr. Modi has spoken of, its benefits have not tangibly percolated to the impoverished millions to improve their quality of life. The 'Suffering India' still awaits the much promised *Acche din*.

G. DAVID MILTON,
Maruthancode, Tamil Nadu

Booker prize

The Booker Prize this year going to Ms. Geethajali Shree for her Hindi novel is a bit of surprise as she was a dark horse till the end. Also the prize is a first for Hindi. The translator deserves equal praise for the translation. There is no doubt that the award has renewed interest in Indian literature.

A.V. NARAYANAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

■ The award has created interest in the Indian languages. It is a fact that there are many gifted writers but who write in other Indian languages. They are not known because their stories are not translated into English. Hence, there is a need for translators who can popularise the works of these authors. The Tamil Nadu government should translate the works of Tamil writers to English and popularise Tamil literature.

K.S. SUNDARAM,
Coimbatore

IPL 2022

Like the previous editions, the 15th edition of the cash-rich IPL league has produced some gems. The IPL continues to better itself and provides a wonderful avenue for emerging players to learn with the veterans.

SATISH REDDY KANAGANTI,
Tipparthy, Nalgonda, Telangana

India's EV ambition rides on three wheels

The EV policies put in place by some States as part of FAME-II have been instrumental in driving this growth

SOUMYADEEP KUNDU & SOUMYA ROY

SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

India's push for electric vehicles (EVs) was renewed when phase-II of the Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid and) Electric (FAME) Vehicles scheme in India, with an outlay of ₹10,000 crore, was approved in 2019. This was significant since phase-I, launched in 2015, was approved with an outlay of ₹895 crore. India was doubling down on its EV ambitions, focusing on cultivating demand for EVs at home while also developing its own indigenous EV manufacturing industry which could cater to this demand.

Initially envisioned for three years, FAME-II got a two-year extension in June 2021 owing to a number of factors including the pandemic. It aims to support 10 lakh e-two-wheelers, 5 lakh e-three-wheelers, 55,000 e-four-wheeler passenger cars and 7,000 e-buses. Three years into FAME-II, the numbers have been lagging far behind the original three-year target. As a part of FAME-II, the government has made a push for indigenous manufacturing with a number of automakers answering the call. Legacy auto manufacturers such as Tata Motors, Mahindra & Mahindra, Hero Electric, and TVS unveiled their EV offerings. New EV players also emerged on the scene with the likes of Ola and Bounce entering the e-two-wheeler segment. While e-two-wheelers and e-four-wheelers receive significant coverage, a three-wheeled underdog has been quietly dominating the Indian EV space.

The dominance of e-3-wheelers

Three-wheeler EVs like e-autos and e-rickshaws account for close to 65% of all EVs registered in India. In contrast, two-wheeler EVs come at a distant second with over 30% of registrations and passenger four-wheeler EVs at a meagre 2.5%. Under the targets for FAME-II, e-three-wheelers have crossed over 4 lakh vehicles of the 5-lakh target since 2019. The numbers are expected to be higher given the prevalence of unregistered vehicles in India. At the current rate, e-three-wheelers are expected to breach the 5-lakh target by 2023. Given the success of e-three-wheelers, it is worth taking a closer look at their dominant position, how they got here, and what India's EV policy can do to sustain their success and extend it to the other categories.

The EV registrations data show that Assam, Bihar, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal account for close to 80% of all e-three-wheeler registrations, with U.P. accounting for close to 40% of all registrations. Of these five States, Assam, Delhi, U.P., and West Bengal have formalised EV policies while Bihar has a draft policy with a final policy due to be introduced later in 2022. Incidentally, these five States are characterised by high population density and shortage of affordable public transport. Indigenously designed and produced, e-three-wheelers like e-rickshaws have become a common sight in these States. Costing between ₹1 lakh and ₹1.5 lakh, these vehicles are produced by scores of local workshops and small enterprises and have come to dominate the e-three-wheeler market. With financial assistance from FAME-II, local manufacturers have built a truly Indian EV with its unique design catering to Indian commuter needs. Legacy automakers with their own e-three-wheeler offerings have been struggling to compete with these local producers. The EV policies put in place by these States as part of FAME-II have been instrumental in driving this growth.

The focus of the EV policies of these five States is on accelerating adoption of EVs among consumers and promoting local manufacturing. All five States provide road tax exemption of 100% and on registration fees. Assam, Delhi and West Bengal have linked incentives to the battery size (in kWh) with additional benefits on interest rate on loans and scrappage incentives in some cases. U.P. has gone a different way with its subsidies, offering 100% interest-free loans to State government employees for purchasing EVs in the State and 30% subsidy on the road price of EVs to families with a single girl child. To promote sales of EVs manufactured within the State, U.P. exempts SGST on all such vehicles. It has outlined incentives to promote EV manufacturing in the State. Bihar's draft EV policy too has been drafted along similar lines: it focuses on adoption and manufacturing. These States have performed exceptionally well in the FAME-II scheme and are on their way to achieve the target of 5 lakh e-three-wheelers.

The success India has experienced in the e-three-wheeler space has come from developing both the demand and supply sides. Subsidies, tax exemptions, and interest-free loans have successfully rallied demand for these vehicles. These vehicles provide for inexpensive means of transport for millions, are easy to maintain, and have relatively low operating costs, making them immensely popular among operators. The indigenous design allows for easy local manufacturing in workshops and small enterprises and makes them relatively easy to charge and maintain compared to their two-wheeler and four-wheeler counterparts. This success in the e-three-wheeler space has been difficult to replicate in the e-two-wheeler and e-four-wheeler space, which have problems both on the demand and supply side. Since two-wheelers and four-wheelers are essentially associated with personal use, consumers are justifiably apprehensive in adopting such vehicles given the host of issues which come with it. The recent incidents of fires in e-scooters have added to the apprehension. Reliable manufacturers with proven track records in the two-wheeler and four-wheeler EV space in India are hard to come by. This further adds to the supply side crunch and there are very few affordable offerings for the consumer.

Issues to be addressed

The current policies in place at the State level, which are focused on accelerating adoption of EVs among consumers, have spurred an e-three-wheeler dominance. However, this has come at some costs. A major one is adequate passenger safety. Subsequent EV policies must therefore pay special attention to this issue. Local manufacturing enterprises often lack the necessary resources or the motivation to invest in design developments focusing on safety. Lack of proper oversight from regulatory bodies over these manufacturers add to the woes. Future policies must therefore incorporate appropriate design and passenger safety standards. While the current State-level policies have been instrumental in increasing local e-three-wheeler manufacturing, they have led to an increasingly fragmented manufacturing industry with non-uniform standards akin to the formative years of motor vehicles in the early 20th century. This fragmentation has led to legacy automakers struggling to compete with the large number of manufacturers in every State. EV policies must address this issue so that legacy automakers are not demotivated from competing in the e-three-wheeler space. Their resources are necessary for designing and manufacturing more advanced and safer e-three-wheelers. Future EV policies must therefore take into account the existing and emerging stakeholders on the demand and supply sides for effective implementation. With the prevailing trajectory of EVs, India must take lessons from its e-three-wheeler success story to sustain its EV ambitions.

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Engaging academic lawyers

Both the judiciary and the executive have rarely employed the expertise of Indian law professors

PRABHASH RANJAN

In a case involving the interpretation of the Copyright Act of 1957, Justice Prathiba M. Singh of the Delhi High Court has appointed Arul George Scaria, a law professor, as an expert to assist the court. Prof. Scaria's appointment is an opportunity to assess the role of law professors in society. The core occupation of a law professor is to teach and push the frontiers of knowledge through research and scholarly engagements. But they have much more to offer provided the system gives them the right opportunities. Do India's judiciary and the executive employ the expertise of law professors?

The examples of their doing so are sporadic. Shamnad Basheer, a celebrated academic in the field of intellectual property law, who died at 43, assisted the Supreme Court as an 'academic intervenor' in *Novartis v. Union of India* (2012). Aparna Chandra and Mrinal Satish served as *amicus curiae* before the Delhi High Court. Legendary academics such as Upendra Baxi and Lotika Sarkar have voluntarily intervened in matters of importance, compelling courts to take them up. On select occasions, the Supreme Court has appointed law professors such as Mool Chand Sharma as Joint Registrar (Research) and Anup Surendranath and Daniel Mathew as Deputy Registrars (Research). V.S. Mani was part of the team that represented India before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the 1999 aerial incident case involving India and Pakistan. The Law Commission has employed the services of law professors to draft reports batting for law reforms. In some instances, parliamentary committees have invited law professors to depose as expert witnesses in important matters. The executive has also appointed law professors to serve in different committees.

Neglect of academics

But these examples are the outcomes of individual initiatives by judges, bureaucrats or politicians reposing faith in law professors; they are not a consequence of a system that values the expertise of academic lawyers and is desirous of using their skills. Both the judiciary and the executive have largely overlooked India's academic lawyers. The following examples elucidate this point. First, Article 124(3)(c) of the Constitution provides that a 'distinguished jurist' i.e. an illustrious law professor, can be appointed as a judge of the Supreme Court. But no law professor has ever been appointed as a Supreme Court judge. Compare this with countries like the U.S. where several law professors have served as judges of the Supreme Court.

Second, India has rarely nominated a law professor to international judicial and legal bodies like the ICJ and the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization. India has preferred to send retired judges, government lawyers, or superannuated bureaucrats to these bodies compared to other liberal democracies which routinely nominate law professors to these organisations. This is despite India producing iconic international law professors like B.S. Chimni, R.P. Anand and V.S. Mani, whose work is cited globally.

Third, the Modi government has been heard championing the lateral entry of experts in the government to replace generalist bureaucrats for work that requires a high level of domain expertise. But there is rarely an example of a law professor being inducted as a full-time expert in any of the ministries. Fourth, India's constitutional courts seldom appoint academics to serve as *amicus curiae* or as experts to assist the courts in comprehending difficult questions of law. Contrary to the practice of courts in other liberal democracies, Indian courts largely rely on the expertise of the Indian Bar.

Why partner with academics?

Often, constitutional courts grapple with challenging legal questions. Answering these requires a certain ability to theorise and conceptualise, which practicing lawyers lack. Law professors are academically trained to theorise. Unlike practitioners who are generally wedded to the 'black letter' approach, law professors study the law critically, often employing empirical, interdisciplinary, and comparative approaches. This skill set has the potential of raising the bar of legal reasoning by several notches. Basheer's iconic intervention in *Novartis* is a case in point.

Appointing academics as judges of constitutional courts or involving them to assist courts in tackling complex legal issues can bring in a refreshing perspective. It will also foster institutional diversity in our judicial process. Decision-makers occupying the high echelons in the judiciary and the executive should recognise that by not making the fullest use of the expertise of academic lawyers, they are doing a disfavour to our society. The onus is on them to develop robust institutionalised mechanisms to engage academic lawyers in the service of the nation.

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STATE OF PLAY

Preventive action against rape

Not just fast investigations and trials, but measures to ensure safety of women are required in Tamil Nadu

D. SURESH KUMAR

Four gang rapes in under three months, with the latest victim being murdered, have turned the spotlight on the need for enhancing safety for women and strengthening law and order in Tamil Nadu. Of greater concern is that the accused targeted the three survivors, who were with their male companions, in public spaces. In another case, a youth stalked a woman, forced his way into her home and allegedly raped her at knifepoint in the heart of Chennai.

The gang rapes in Vellore, Cuddalore, Namakkal and Rameswaram were preceded by a horrific incident of a woman in Virudhunagar being blackmailed and raped by four men and three juveniles over a period of seven months. In Vellore, a woman doctor from Bihar and a male colleague were hoodwinked into taking a ride at night in a share autorickshaw, with the accused pretending to be co-passengers. The two were robbed, the man beaten up and the doctor raped. The traumatised woman left for Bihar and filed an online complaint with the police. While the modus operandi in the Vellore case had traces of the 'Nirbhaya' case, the Virudhunagar incident brought back memories of the 2019 Pollachi case in which young women had been blackmailed and abused and which the DMK had made a campaign issue then.

The two cases, which surfaced when the Legislative Assembly was in session in March, caused great embarrassment to Chief Minister M.K. Stalin. Not long ago, as the Leader of the Opposition, he had questioned the Union government for adjudging Tamil Nadu, then ruled by the BJP's ally AIADMK, the leading State in the Good Governance Index. He had asked how the Centre could rank Tamil Nadu first in 'public security' when there were incidents such as the Pollachi serial sexual abuse case. Therefore, he lost no time in declaring that the investigation and trial in the Virudhunagar case would be fast-tracked and monitored to fetch maximum punishment for the accused. He vowed that the investigation would not be (slow and shoddy) like the Pollachi case. He transferred the case to the Crime Branch-CID, which fast-tracked the investigation and filed a voluminous charge sheet against the accused. The accused persons in the doctor's case too were arrested within days of the crime.

However, the administration's quick actions did not prevent similar crimes from unfolding in Cuddalore, Namakkal and Rameswaram. In the last incident, a woman out on work at a prawn unit was robbed, raped and murdered by two migrant workers from Odisha, triggering massive protests. The rapists in all cases have been arrested. But it also had a different fallout in Rameswaram with the Municipal authorities seeking to profile details of guest workers selling pani puri and working in restaurants and construction sites, ostensibly linking crime with migrants.

Sexual crimes have evoked strong reactions from Tamil Nadu's politicians in the past. Against the backdrop of the 'Nirbhaya' case, then Chief Minister Jayalalithaa had called for amending central laws to provide for punishments such as the death penalty and chemical castration for sexual offenders. After the Hathras rape, Mr. Stalin had promised to set up special courts to hear cases related to violence against women when his party is voted to power. The State already has Mahila Courts.

To the government's credit, there was no attempt to cover up the rape cases. Mr. Stalin has made it a point to make surprise inspections at police stations whenever possible – something his predecessors had not done in decades. But what is needed is preventive action, strengthening security for women and a special focus on 'visible policing' with senior police officers playing a proactive role.

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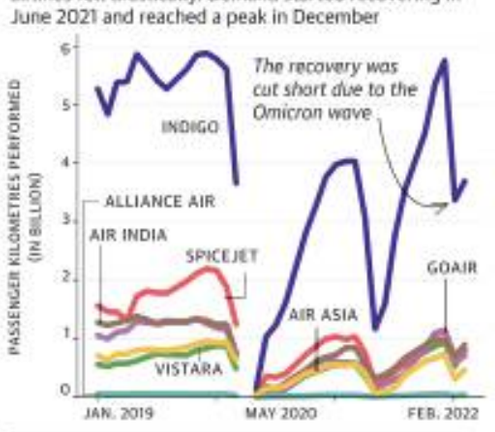
DATA POINT

IndiGo in the red

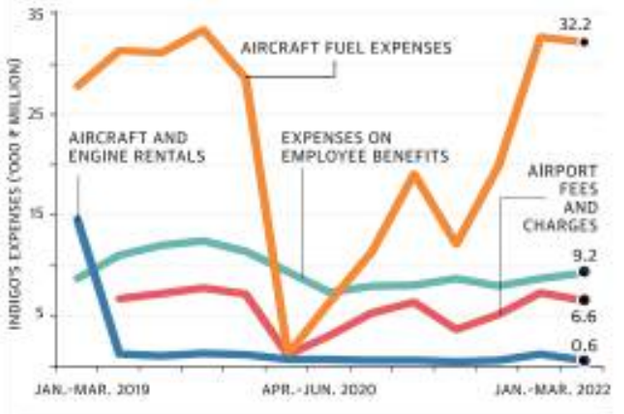
The budget airline IndiGo posted a loss again in the quarter ending March 2022 after making a profit in December for the first time in nearly two years. The airline slipped into losses on the back of rising crude prices and the surge in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron wave. While demand for the airline picked up in the December quarter, allowing it to register a profit of ₹129 crore, the fall in demand in March halted its recovery. The carrier's expenses on fuel have hovered around the pre-pandemic levels for the past two quarters but its capacity utilisation is yet to recover. Jet fuel prices have touched record highs following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and this has further bloated IndiGo's expenses.

By **The Hindu Data Team**

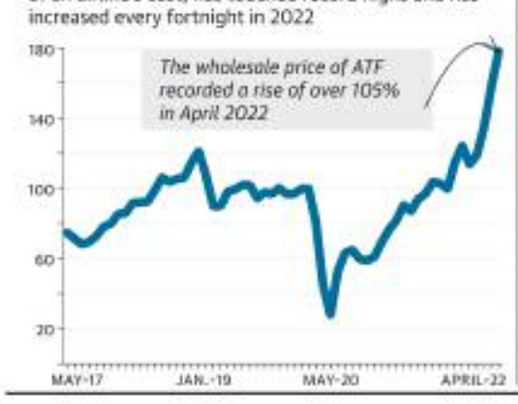
1. RISE AND FALL | The chart shows the passenger kilometres (PK) flown by an airline. PK is the number of kilometres travelled by paying passengers and measures the actual demand for the airline's services. During the two COVID-19 waves, PKs flown by airlines fell drastically. Demand started recovering in June 2021 and reached a peak in December



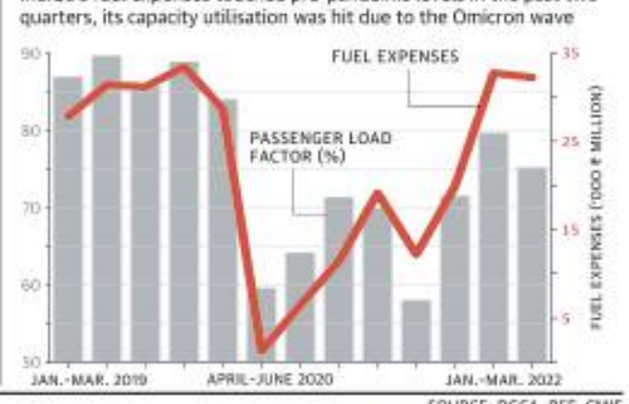
2. BLOATED COSTS | The chart shows IndiGo's expenses on aircraft fuel, employee benefits, airport fees and charges, and rentals. IndiGo's expenses on fuel shot up by 68% in the Jan-March quarter compared to a year ago due to the rise in crude prices following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. So, while the fuel costs have reached pre-pandemic levels, demand is yet to pick up



3. HISTORIC HIGHS | The chart shows the wholesale price index of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) in India. The price of jet fuel, which makes up the bulk of an airline's cost, has touched record highs and has increased every fortnight in 2022



4. LOW UTILISATION | The chart depicts IndiGo's fuel expenses and passenger load factor (PLF). PLF is the % of an airline's passenger-carrying capacity that has been utilised. While IndiGo's fuel expenses touched pre-pandemic levels in the past two quarters, its capacity utilisation was hit due to the Omicron wave



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JUNE 1, 1972

Press freedom: Council report

New Delhi, May 31: The Press Council of India has said that its findings have had a salutary effect in safeguarding the freedom of the press and in ensuring that this freedom is not regarded as a licence by newspapers. In its annual report for 1971 laid on the table of the Lok Sabha to-day, the Council said that by and large the press served the cause of the public with a few exceptions where a few papers had chosen to indulge in "blackmail, cheap sensationalism, scandal-mongering, scurrilous and communal writings or obscene publications." Such journals, it said, did not generally command a large circulation. The Council was doing all it could to restrain them from abusing their journalistic role and violating ethical standards. During the year under review, the Press Council considered 28 complaints. In respect of complaints upheld, five editors were censured and four warned while the Council expressed displeasure against one. In nine complaints the Council, apart from expressing its opinion about objectionable writings, refrained from taking further action because the editors concerned admitted impropriety.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JUNE 1, 1922

A bank fraud

Secunderabad, May 31: A very ingenious fraud has been perpetrated on the Imperial Bank of India Ltd. Secunderabad. A Hindu calling himself S. Rajarao – tall, dark, stout and wearing a white coat and trousers and a red cap, aged about 35 years, with a scar on the right side of his forehead, during the busiest part of the morning presented a forged voucher claiming interest on Government promisory notes amounting to Rs. 1925. The voucher appeared to be quite in order in usual Government form. At the bottom it was passed for payment and signed "A.P. Emmer, Treasury officer" and initialled by forging the initials of the Asst Accountant Mr. Hun and an Indian accountant. The Bank clerk taking the signature and the initials to be authentic passed the voucher for payment and the shroff paid the amount in Rs. 5 and Rs. 10 notes but the receiver signed "T. Ananta Rao" in the shroff's books and when the document was sent to the Imperial Bank, Hyderabad Branch, it was checked in the ordinary course and returned with a slip to say that the amount of the claim written in words should also be initialled. It was then discovered that the whole document was a clever forgery.

FROM PAGE ONE

Teacher shot dead in J&K in targeted killing

Earlier this month, militants killed six civilians, including a Kashmiri Pandit employee, a woman artist, a wine shop employee and three policemen, in six separate targeted attacks in the Valley.

The killing of policeman Saifullah Qadri outside his house on May 24 in Srinagar's Soura saw the security forces stepping up operations against militants. Sixteen militants have been killed since then in the Valley. The police claimed that among the slain militants included those behind four target killings, including the cases of Kashmiri Pandit employee Rahul Bhat, artist Amreen Bhat and two policemen. Besides, the module behind the wine shop attack in Baramulla was also busted.

Two local JeM militants were killed in an overnight gunfight in Pulwama's Rajpora village. "The killed militants were identified as Shahid Rather of Tral and Umar Yousuf of Shopian. Besides other terror crimes, Shahid was involved in the killing of a woman, Shakeela of Aripal, and government employee Javid Ahmed of Lurgam Tral," Inspector General of Police Vijay Kumar said.

A total of around 27 militants were killed in Kashmir this month, taking their death toll to around 90 for this year, as militancy shows no let-up despite stringent security measures and anti-militancy operations.

Both sides move court over video leak

Plaintiffs return envelopes 'without breaking the seal'; masjid panel yet to receive copy of video survey

ABHINAY LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

In the Gyanvapi Mosque-Kashi Vishwanath Temple dispute, the Hindu and Muslim parties on Tuesday approached the District Court in Varanasi seeking an investigation into how the contents of the video survey of the mosque premises were leaked to the media and in the public domain.

This comes a day after District and Sessions Judge A.K. Vishvesha accepted an undertaking from both sides that they will not copy or leak the contents of the survey upon receiving it from the court. Under these conditions, the court had on Monday handed over copies of the survey to the Hindu plaintiffs.

The Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee is yet to receive a copy of the video survey, its lawyers said.

Murky waters: Hindu plaintiffs accompanied by their advocates on their way to court in Varanasi on Monday. • PTI

Ranjana Agnihotri, one of the lawyers for the Hindu plaintiffs in the dispute, said the sealed envelopes with discs of the video survey were handed over to the plaintiffs on Monday. "But before we could open it, we already started seeing on news channels that it had been leaked. So, on Tuesday we returned the envelopes to the court just as we received them – without breaking the seal."

Following this, Jitendra Singh, plaintiff Rakhi Singh's uncle, filed an application before the court, claiming that "anti-national elements" were behind the leak and thus sought a probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation in the matter.

Senior advocate Mumtaz Ahmed, representing the masjid committee, said they too had filed an application seeking a thorough investigation of the leak, saying it was a blatant violation of the court's orders.

Significantly, this is not the first time that the contents of the video survey have been leaked. Earlier, when a civil court in Varanasi had ordered the survey, parts of the video survey were leaked even before the survey report was submitted to the court. Based on these leaks, the Hindu side had claimed the discovery of a *Shivling*, while the Muslim side had said the structure in question was part of the fountain inside the mosque's *wuzu khana*.

After this first leak, the masjid committee had approached the Supreme Court, which had transferred the suit to a district court in Varanasi. The district court is currently hearing a suit filed by five Hindu women, seeking the right to pray at a Hindu shrine behind the Gyanvapi mosque's western wall all year-round.

Meanwhile, Nikhil Upadhyay, son of BJP leader Ashwini Kumar Upadhyay, has filed an application before the district court seeking to be arrayed as a plaintiff.

'June-Sept. rainfall likely to be 103% of the average'

M. Mohapatra, Director General, IMD, told *The Hindu* that the expectation of increased rains was largely premised on La Nina conditions prevailing through the monsoon month. In April, it was expected that the ongoing La Nina conditions would transition to neutral conditions. La Nina is the converse phenomenon of the El Nino and is characterised by a cooler than normal sea surface temperatures in the central Pacific.

"An influential factor called the Indian Ocean Dipole is expected to be negative and is considered not favourable for the monsoon. "Other factors are expected to compensate and that's why we expect the monsoon rains to be within the normal range of 96-104% of the LPA," he added.

The most important monsoon months, for agriculture, are July and August though the IMD is expected to announce the forecast for July only by the end of June. Were monsoon rains to be normal this season, it would be the fourth consecutive year of 'normal' or 'above normal' rainfall.

The 'normal' monsoon rains don't imply that all months would see well distributed rains. In 2021, for instance, August stared at a 24% deficit but September, usually the month that sees the least rainfall, saw excess rains, similar to what was observed in 2019 and 2020.

'Indus water talks held on 'cordial' terms'

Both sides to resolve issues, says MEA

SUHASINI HAIDAR
NEW DELHI

Indian and Pakistani negotiators ended another round of talks as part of the Indus Water Treaty on "cordial" terms, said the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), describing the 118th meeting of the Permanent Indus Commission that took place in Delhi on May 30 and 31.

The MEA did not give any details on the issues that were on the agenda for discussion, including Pakistan's request for flood-flow data sharing and objections to hydro-power projects planned on "western rivers" in Jammu & Kashmir.

However, it said that the annual report of the Commission for the previous year had been finalised and signed, indicating some consensus on the way forward on a number of issues that come up each year. A statement from Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs also added that India had promised a response to its objections.

"The meeting was held in a cordial manner. The Commission appreciated the commitment of the two sides to interact frequently and resolve issues through bilateral discussions under the Indus Water Treaty," the MEA said after the meetings between six-member delegations on either side led by the new Indian Commissioner for Indus Waters A.K. Pal, and Syed Muhammad Mehar Ali Shah, the Pakistan Commissioner for Indus Waters, adding that they had agreed to hold the next meeting in Pakistan.

The Indus seen on its course from Leh to Ladakh. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The MEA's statement comes in contrast to previous, more acrimonious statements issued by both India and Pakistan, which had detailed areas of dispute between the two sides.

Satyendar Jain sent to ED custody

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

A Special CBI court on Tuesday remanded Delhi Home Minister Satyendar Jain to Enforcement Directorate (ED) custody till June 9, a day after his arrest in a money-laundering case related to the CBI's disproportionate assets FIR against him, registered in 2017.

The ED produced Mr. Jain before Special CBI Judge Geetanjali Goel on Tuesday and sought his custody for 14 days. The agency argued that Mr. Jain had so far been evasive in his replies to them and that there are voluminous evidentiary materials that he needs to be confronted with.

Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta appeared for the agency on Tuesday and said, "There is a checkered trail of money. We do not know whether his money was being laundered or someone else's money was being laundered."

Mr. Jain's lawyers, however, told the court that other than "bold allegations", the agency does not have any evidence against Mr. Jain.

J&K leader Bhim Singh passes away

Leaders across spectrum mourn him

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Bhim Singh, 81, founder of the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party, died on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Singh, a lawyer by profession, has been unwell for some time and was admitted to the Government Medical College, Jammu.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in a tweet, "Prof. Bhim Singh *Ji* will be remembered as a grassroots leader who devoted his life for the welfare of Jammu and Kashmir. He was very well read and scholarly. I will always recall my interactions with him. Saddened by his demise. Condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

Jammu and Kashmir parties also expressed their condolences on the demise of Professor Singh, who emerged as a major political face to represent the aspirations of the people of the Jammu region.

"Professor Singh was a leader committed to secular values who fought relentlessly for the rights of downtrodden and marginalised sections of society in and outside the State legislature. At a time when polarisation and divisiveness has dominated the political arena, he stood for communal harmony and fought tooth and nail against the forces who are hell bent upon dividing the people and regions on the communal lines," Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader M.Y. Tarigami said.

Bhim Singh

"A man of many parts. Timeless, selfless and a crusader. He was my father's colleague and friend. From riding across the Sahara on a motorcycle to Palestine to Iraq – Bhim Singh *Ji* had friends all across," Peoples Conference chief Sajad Lone said.

Q4 GDP growth decelerates to 4.1%

This was the first contraction in factories' output since the massive 31.5% fall in the first quarter of 2020-21 amid the strict national lockdowns.

Economists pointed out that real GDP was only 'a subdued' 1.5% higher than pre-COVID levels and ascribed the lower than projected full-year growth to the effects of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, high commodity prices and inflation as well as data corrections for the first half of the year.

A downward revision in growth rates for the first two quarters of 2021-22 also affected the full year's growth rate vis-à-vis the last estimates released on February 28. The 20.3% GDP growth estimated earlier for Q1 was pared to 20.1%, while the same number was revised to 8.4% from 8.5% for Q2.

Chief Economic Adviser V. Anantha Nageswaran said the real GDP numbers were pretty much in line with earlier estimates, so it was difficult to make the argument that the growth rate was lower than anticipated earlier. For the full year, GVA from agriculture and the financial, real estate & professional services sectors, the only two sectors that grew in 2020-21, rose by 3% and 4.2% in 2021-22, compared with 3.3% and 2.2% in the previous year, respectively.

Rise in investment rate

The Finance Ministry highlighted that the investment rate in the economy rose to 33.6% in Q4, the highest since Q3 of 2019-20. Moreover, though manufacturing sector shrank from a year earlier, it grew sequentially at 14.2% during Q4, it pointed out.

The recovery in investment demand was a bright spot, said EY India's chief policy adviser and economist D.K. Srivastava. However, the contribution of net exports to real GDP growth was negative at (-)2.9%. and although private final consumption expenditure grew 7.9% in 2021-22, its magnitude was only ₹1.2 lakh crore higher than 2019-20, he pointed out.

Fresh wave of fear hits Kashmir

Pandits demand relocation from the Valley till terrorism is totally wiped out

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

The woman teacher's killing in Kulgam on Tuesday has sparked a fresh wave of fear among migrant Kashmiri Pandit employees recruited under the Prime Minister's special rehabilitation package, and Hindu employees from Jammu recruited under the Scheduled Caste quota.

Hundreds of Kashmiri Pandits blocked highways in Kulgam and Srinagar to press the demand for relocation from the Valley. They shouted slogans against the Lieutenant-Governor and demanded justice.

"We met the L-G a few days ago and demanded our relocation from the Kashmir Valley. Even the Inspector-General of Police said on record it will take two or three years to wipe out terrorism in Kashmir. The L-G administration should shift us till then," a Pandit, who participated in a protest at Shivpora in Srinagar, said.

Scores of Pandits threatened to go on a mass migration if the government failed to transfer them.

"The administration is threatening us to hold our salaries if we leave the station. They are forcing us to rejoin offices in the Valley. We should not be sacrificed so cheaply," another Pandit protester said.

Lieutenant-Governor Manoj Sinha and top leaders of parties in unison condemned the schoolteacher's killing. Mr. Sinha said the terrorists and their sympathisers would be given an unforgettable response for the dastardly attack.

National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah said, "This is yet another targeted killing in a long list of recent attacks directed at unarmed civilians. Words of condemnation and condolence ring hollow as do the assurances of the government that they will not rest till the situation normalises."

Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti said, "Despite GoI's [Government of India's] fake claims about Kashmir being normal it is obvious that targeted civilian killings are on the rise and a deep cause of concern. Condemn this act of cowardice which sadly plays into the vicious anti-Muslim narrative spun by the BJP."

Fewest Civil Service recruits since 2012

UPSC recommends 685 candidates

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NEW DELHI

The number of Civil Service Examination candidates shortlisted for recruitment this year is the lowest since 2012. The reduced intake comes at a time when the Centre is facing an acute shortage of All India Services (AIS) officers who are willing, or available, to serve in Union government.

Office of the UPSC in New Delhi. • R.V. MOORTHY

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) recommended only 685 from among the candidates who took the examination in 2021 for appointment to the Indian Administrative Service (IAS), the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), the Indian Police Service (IPS) and Group A and B of the Central Services.

Gradual decrease

In 2014, 1,236 candidates were recommended, and in 2012, 998. In 2013, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020, the number stood at 1,122, 1,078, 1,099, 990, 759, 829 and 761, respectively.

The number of candidates selected has fallen sharply and posts advertised for recruitment has declined gradually.

For 2021, the government reported 749 vacancies. In 2020, as against 836 vacancies, only 761 were selected. In 2019, there were 927 vacancies and 829 selections.

A senior government official said the reduction in intake followed the government's policy of "right-sizing" human resources.

Of the nearly five lakh candidates who took the preliminary examination in October 2021, 9,214 qualified to sit for the main examination. A total of 1,824 later appeared for the personality test. Nearly 10 lakh candidates had registered for the exam.

Earlier this year, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) had proposed amendments to the Indian Administrative Service (Cadre) Rules, 1954 relating to the Central deputation of IAS officers.

Through the amendments, IAS, IPS and Indian Forest Service officers could be deputed to the Union government and Ministries without necessarily taking the State government's nod.

The DoPT has said that the State governments have not been sponsoring adequate number of officers for Central deputation to meet the requirements of the Government of India.

Centre clears ₹86,912 crore of GST dues

In April, the Ministry had pegged the outstanding GST compensation dues for 2021-22 at ₹78,704 crore, equivalent to four months of such accruals. So dues had been remitted to States for the April-November eight-month period.

Citing an inadequate balance in the GST Compensation Cess account, the Ministry had said the pending amount would be released "as and when amount from cess accrues in the compensation fund". The Compensation Cess is levied over and above the peak 28% rate on luxury or 'sin' goods, including cars.

"The States' protected revenue has been growing at 14% compounded growth whereas the Cess collection did not increase in the same proportion, [and] COVID-19 further increased the gap between protected revenue and the actual revenue receipt including reduction in cess collection," the Ministry said.

The Telangana government is, however, contesting the Centre's calculation of dues to the State. "There is something wrong with GOI calculations," Chief Secretary Somesh Kumar said.

Telangana, which has received ₹296 crore, has decided to write to the Centre, Mr. Kumar added.

(With inputs from M. Rajeev, Hyderabad)

Webinar on mechanical engineering held

The lines separating it with other disciplines are blurring fast, says a speaker

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The webinar on 'Mechanical engineering in the digital era' organised by Dayananda Sagar institutions and *The Hindu* held recently, had experts discuss and encourage the audience to look at mechanical engineering from a different perspective.

"The industry has grown to be interdisciplinary. The boundaries separating mechanical engineering and other types of engineering such as electrical, civil and biomedical are blurring fast," said Dinakaran, Head, Department of Mechatronics, Hindustan Institute of Tech and Science while walking the audience through what mechanical engineering looks like in today's world.

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A fast-changing industry calls for innovations in the way the subject is taught to students, said M.R. Haseebuddin, Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering. He further spoke about the inclusion of interdisciplinary courses and how hands-on engineering experience is the best way to equip students for the marketplace.

Job opportunities

The most-asked question from the audience, who tuned into the webinar, was about the job opportunities available at present for mechanical engineering graduates.

Anand Badiger, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, Dayananda Sagar College of Engineering addressed this with a comprehensive walk-through of government departments, research organisations and companies that require mechanical engineering talent. He reiterated that the opportunities for meaningful engineering work are plentiful, and that almost every industry requires a mechanical engineering backbone. "You just have to know where to look", he added.

The panelists further quelled concerns and fears that mechanical engineering jobs were disappearing. They spoke about how in the age of automation, artificial intelligence (AI) and electric vehicles (EV), mechanical engineering skills remain coveted in all kinds of companies.

IN BRIEF

Popular singer KK dies after concert in Kolkata

KOLKATA
Well-known singer Krishnakumar Kunnath, popularly known as KK, died in Kolkata on Tuesday night, officials said. He was 53. KK was feeling unwell after reaching his hotel, following a performance at a concert in the evening, officials said. KK has recorded songs in Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi and Bengali, among other languages. PTI

Adityanath compares Akhilesh to Rahul Gandhi

LUCKNOW
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday while taunting Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav compared him to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi. The only difference between them was that while Mr. Gandhi spoke ill of the country while he was abroad Mr. Yadav spoke ill of Uttar Pradesh when he was outside the State, said the Chief Minister.

CPWD engineers protest against senior officer

NEW DELHI
A joint forum of Central Public Works Department (CPWD) engineers' associations on Tuesday held protests across the country to demand action against a senior officer, who allegedly had two CPWD engineers detained during an inspection in Jammu and Kashmir last week. The forum also submitted a memorandum to Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri calling for "appropriate disciplinary action" against Shri Amarnathji Shrine Board CEO Nitishwar Kumar.

Defence Ministry signs ₹2,971 cr. missile deal

NEW DELHI
The Defence Ministry on Tuesday signed a contract with defence public sector undertaking Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL) for supply of the indigenously developed Astra Mk-I Beyond Visual Range (BVR) air-to-air missiles at a cost of ₹2,971 Crore. Air to Air missile with BVR capability provides large stand off ranges to fighter aircraft which can neutralise the adversary aircraft without exposing itself.

India, China to hold next round of talks

Disengagement at Patrolling Point 15 in the Hot Springs had become a contentious topic last time

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India and China on Tuesday agreed to hold the next round of talks between senior military commanders to continue the slow-moving disengagement process along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Officials from the two sides, during the 24th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC) on border affairs held virtually, reviewed the LAC situation and agreed to "continue the discussions through diplomatic and military channels to resolve the remaining issues along the LAC at the earliest so as to create conditions for restoration of normalcy in bilateral relations," the Ministry of External Affairs said.

"In this context, they agreed to hold the next (16th) round of the Senior Commanders meeting at an early date to achieve the objective of complete disengagement from all friction points along the LAC in the Western Sector," the MEA added.

Call for consensus: Officials agreed to continue discussions to resolve the remaining issues along the LAC. • FILE PHOTO

Both sides failed to achieve a breakthrough in the 15th round of talks held on March 11, when they discussed disengagement at Patrolling Point 15 in the Hot Springs area. Officials previously suggested they expected resolution at PP15 at an early date, but differences in Demchok and Depsang, the two other remaining areas, were more pronounced.

The two sides discussed the LAC during Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi's March 25 visit to New Delhi.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry in a statement on Tuesday said both had agreed to "resolve the remaining issues in the Western Section of the border in accordance with the principle of mutual and equal security." Asked about the impact of the border issue on trade and investment, Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said China "always believes that the boundary question doesn't represent the whole of China-India relations and we should put it in an appropriate position in bilateral relations."

On on-going probes of Chinese telecom majors in India, including Xiaomi, ZTE and Vivo, Mr. Zhao said Beijing "is closely following the situation" and that "the Indian side should act in accordance with laws and regulations and provide a fair, just and non-discriminatory business environment for Chinese companies."

He said China was "not that interested in the changes of the ranking in trade volume" referring to the U.S. replacing China as India's biggest trading partner according to India's Ministry of Commerce data for the financial year 2021-22. He said according to China's statistics for the calendar year 2021 "China remains India's largest trading partner" and "the disparity in trade figures published by China and India is a result of different statistical measurement scales".

"What we care about is whether the Indian side has the will and takes real actions to create a fair, transparent and sound environment for bilateral trade and investment, further expand mutually-beneficial cooperation between the two sides and deliver tangible benefits to the two countries and two peoples," he said.

Brigadier Ashok Abbey (retd.) releasing the book by J. Ramanan (second from left) and Vrinda Ramanan (left), in the presence of N. Ravi (centre), Chairman, Kasturi and Sons Ltd., and Malini Parthasarathy, (right), Chairperson, THG Publishing, on Tuesday. • JOTHI RAMALINGAM B.

'Promote Indian Himalayan range for mountaineering'

Ex-Army officer releases book brought out by *The Hindu*

STAFF REPORTER
CHENNAI

There is a need to promote the Himalayan range in India as a mountaineering destination, just as Nepal is doing in the case of the mountains within its borders, Brigadier Ashok Abbey (retd.), who had served as the president of the Indian Mountaineering Foundation (IMF), said in Chennai on Tuesday.

Releasing *Mountains of our destiny, The Himalayas – an expedition to the Indian range* brought out by the special publications division of *The Hindu*, he said the book had come at the right time when adventure tour operators in India were looking for Indians and foreigners to carry out expeditions in the Indian Himalayas post COVID-19.

The book was released in the presence of N. Ravi, Chairman, Kasturi and Sons Ltd., and Malini Parthasarathy, Chairperson, THG Publishing Pvt. Ltd., at a function organised at the office of *The Hindu*.

There was a misperception that the Himalayas are synonymous with Nepal, and India has only a part of them. While some of the highest mountains, including Mount Everest, were there in Nepal, India, on the other hand, had diversity from Arunachal Pradesh till Ladakh.

"Mount Everest is not the be-all and end-all of mountaineering... There are mountains that are more challenging and difficult," Brigadier Abbey said.

Nepal promoted the Himalayas zealously as revenue from mountaineering contributed significantly to its Gross Domestic Product. Indians and those of other nationalities spent huge sums of money for mountaineering in Nepal, he said. India could also benefit greatly if there was an adequate impetus to promote mountaineering in the Indian Himalayan region.

The former Army officer said the coffee table book, with photographs by J. Ramanan and commentary by Vrinda Ramanan, both trained mountaineers, could contribute greatly towards this, as it comprehensively covered the Indian Himalayan range unlike most other books on the topic.

He said a copy of the book should be present in the offices of the Ministry of Tourism, the IMF, all the mountaineering clubs and Indian diplomatic missions abroad to showcase the mountaineering potential in India.

Rajya Sabha elections set to be a thriller

Eyeing dissonance in Congress, BJP fields more candidates than it is certain to win in the polls

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NEW DELHI

The disquiet within the Congress over fielding "outsiders" for the Rajya Sabha elections has made the BJP field more candidates than that it is certain to send to the Upper House. As many as 57 seats across 15 States are being filled in this round of elections.

The BJP has fielded additional candidates Dhananjay Mahadik in Maharashtra and Lahar Singh in Karnataka, while backing two Independents, media barons Subhash Chandra in Rajasthan and Kartikeya Sharma, in Haryana. In the latter two cases at least, the going will be tough for the Congress. The most interesting battle is in Karnataka where both parties are trying to corner the Janata Dal(S) for the fourth seat.

In Rajasthan

In Rajasthan, where the Congress has fielded Randeep Surjewala, Mukul Wasnik and Pramod Tiwari, electing the third candidate will now be a tricky affair with Mr. Chandra's entry. Mr. Tiwari needs the vote of all 11 Independent MLAs backing the Ashok Gehlot government. But one of them, Sanyam Lodha, has asked the Congress why it has not fielded anyone from Rajasthan.

The number of first preference votes required for winning is 41. The Congress, in its current position, can easily get two of its three candidates elected.

Mr. Chandra, with the BJP's support, already has the 30 extra votes of the BJP

Subhash Chandra

and the support of the three RLP MLAs, and needs to get eight votes together to win.

Haryana

In Haryana, factionalism cast a shadow on Congress leader Ajay Maken's prospects, as the Congress, with 31 MLAs, has just enough strength to see him through. But again Mr. Kartikeya Sharma has been fielded as an additional candidate.

On Monday, senior leader Kuldeep Bishnoi skipped a meeting of party MLAs in Chandigarh as he is upset at being ignored for the post of Pradesh Congress Committee chief and the Gandhis giving a free hand to former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

"If the BJP manages to take away two Congress MLAs' votes, then Ajay and Kartikeya will have almost equal number of first preference votes and then the second preference will come into play. In that scenario, Kartikeya will have an advantage," a senior Haryana Congress leader said.

Karnataka

Karnataka will see a different kind of chaos over the polls, with the Congress and the BJP both fielding "extra" candidates. With four berths at stake, each candidate requires 45 votes to win. The BJP, with 119 MLAs, can get two MPs elected easily – Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and actor Jaggesh with 29 votes surplus.

The Congress, with around 69 MLAs, can get one candidate elected easily – Jairam Ramesh. The Janata Dal (S) which has, on paper at least, 31 MLAs (five have been declaring off record that they will defy the party whip) floated a candidate, Kupendra Reddy, thinking that it could persuade the other two parties not to put up a candidate and help get their candidate elected.

In Maharashtra, allies Shiv Sena and NCP are said to be unhappy over the Congress's choice of Imran Pratapgarhi, who is from Uttar Pradesh.

BJP to have no Muslim face in House

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NEW DELHI

The absence of the name of Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi from the list of BJP nominees to the Rajya Sabha, as his own term ends, will mean that the party will have no Muslim member in either House of Parliament as the current round of Upper House polls conclude.

Till the Budget Session, the BJP had three Muslim MPs; all, however, in the Rajya Sabha. These MPs – Mr. Naqvi, BJP spokesperson Syed Zafar Islam and journalist-turned-politician M.J. Akbar – are all completing their tenures by July and unless renominated, will end up with BJP having no Muslim face in Parliament. Mr. Islam is retiring on July 4 and Mr. Akbar on June 29.

Hardik Patel set to join BJP on June 2

He led the Patidar agitation in 2015

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
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The poster boy and face of the 2015 Patidar quota agitation, Hardik Patel, who had challenged the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government, is set to join the BJP ahead of the next Assembly polls scheduled to be held in December this year.

Mr. Patel will join the party and will be inducted into the BJP by Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and the party's State unit chief C.R. Paatil, Gujarat BJP spokesperson Yagnesh Dave said.

The 28-year-old resigned from the Congress, where he was working president of the Congress's Gujarat unit for a year. He had joined the Opposition party in the run-up to the 2019 Lok Sabha polls.

While resigning from the Congress, he had said the party's leadership was "highly communal, anti-Hindu and anti-Gujarati" in a clear indication that the BJP would be his next destination. Mr. Patel spent nearly nine months in jail as the State's BJP government had filed two sedition cases against him following the Patidar agitation in 2015.

Whether Mr. Hardik Patel will swing any section of the community in favour of the BJP remains unclear as he faces questions from erstwhile supporters.

"He will be exposing his true face for the second time when he joins the BJP on June 2. He did it earlier when he joined the Congress in 2019," said Lalji Patel, a Patidar community leader from north Gujarat.

According to Mr. Lalji Patel, the agitation was not a platform for people like Mr. Hardik Patel to launch their political careers.

Ever since his resignation, Mr. Hardik Patel's former aides have been criticising their former colleague for "playing politics in the name of community".

First arrest in Moosewala shooting

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MOOSA

The Punjab Police made the first arrest in the case of Sidhu Moosewala on Tuesday, two days after the Punjabi singer was shot dead at the nearby Jahawarke village. A police officer said the accused, Manpreet Singh, was produced before a court, which sent him to police custody for five days. Moosewala was cremated at Moosa village on Tuesday.

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The General Body Meeting (No.1(a)/2022-23) of the Indian Medical Practitioners' Co-operative Pharmacy and Stores Ltd., X-185 will be held under the Chairmanship of **Dr.R.Kannan,** President on 17.06.2022, Friday at 9.00A.M., at the premises of the Society i.e.No.34-37, Kalki Krishnamurthy Salai, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai – 600 041. The Agenda for the meeting will be sent to the members separately.

Following this, as resolved by the Board, the Election General Body Meeting (No.1(B)/2022-23) of the Indian Medical Practitioners' Co-operative Pharmacy and Stores Ltd., X-185 will be held under the Chairmanship of the Returning Officer **Sri. D.Peter Jeevanandam,** Deputy Registrar on 17.06.2022, Friday at 10.00 A.M., at the premises of the Society i.e., No. 34-37,Kalki Krishnamurthy Salai, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai – 600 041 for the purpose of electing 16 Board of Directors as mentioned in the bye-laws of the Society. General Body Meeting Notice will be sent to all the Members of the society separately by post. The Election Programme is as under.

ELECTION PROGRAMME

1. Name of the Returning Officer	- Sri.D.Peter Jeevanandam, Deputy Registrar of Co-op Societies
2. Receiving of nomination papers	- On17.06.2022 between 11.00 A.M. and 01.00 P.M.
3. Scrutiny of nomination papers and announcement of list of valid candidates	- On17.06.2022 between 2.00 P.M. and 4.00 P.M.
4. Withdrawal of nomination papers	- On 17.06.2022 between 4.00 P.M. and 5.00 P.M. ,
5. Declaration of final list of valid candidates	- On 17.06.2022 between 5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M.
6.If there is contest for any constituency, election for such constituency/Constituencies will be held by secret ballot and for that purpose the General Body will be adjourned to 19.06.2022 as per Schedule 1(g)(iv) attached to Multi State Co-operative Societies Rules, 2002.	
7. Polling by Secret Ballot	- On **19.06.2022** (Sunday) from 9.00 a.m. to 05.00p.m. at the same place.
8. Counting of votes	- Immediately after polling is completed.
9. Announcement of results	- Will be declared immediately after counting is completed

The Members who desire to contest in Election, may collect Nomination Forms in person or by post from the Head Office of the Society by submitting an application . All the members are requested to attend the Meeting along with the Photo Identity Card issued to them by the Society without fail. The members who do not have photo Identity card may get new ID card on or before 15.06.2022 by 5.00 P.M from the Society following routine procedures in this regard.

(By order of the President and Returning Officer)

Date: 01.06.2022
Place: Chennai
Dr. K.KADER MOHIDEEN, B.Sc.,B.E.M.S.
SECRETARY I/C

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Construction Organisation
Ernakulam Jn.

1. TENDER NOTICE No: CE/CN/ERS/SD/EPC/02/2022 dated 15.05.2022
Name of Work: Re-Development of Kollam Station
Tender Value: ₹ 290.08 Cr
Bid Security: ₹ 1450400/-
Completion Period: 39 Months
Pre-Bid Meeting: 07.06.2022

2. TENDER NOTICE No: CE/CN/ERS/SD/EPC/03/2022 dated 14.05.2022
Name of Work: Re-Development of Kanniyakumari Station
Tender Value: ₹ 54.98 Cr
Bid Security: ₹ 2749000/-
Completion Period: 19 Months
Pre-Bid Meeting: 08.06.2022

Date and time of tender closing: 06.07.2022, 15:00 Hrs.

Complete details and tender document will be available at https://www.ireps.gov.in

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Ref.No. A/O/ 223 /2021 TENDER NOTICE DATE : 31.05.2022

Sealed Tenders in a two-bid (two cover) system are invited from Manufacturers, for (1) Supply, Erection, Installation of **Continuous Bleaching Range** for Cotton and Cotton Polyester Blended Fabric with the working width of 72" and average production 1,00,000 meters per day -1 Number. (2) Supply, Erection and Commissioning of **Stenter Machine** (1600 mm working width with Electronic Automatic Weft Straightner) - 1 Number. The filled tenders should be submitted in two cover system i.e. Technical Bid & Price Bid separately enclosed in a single cover and sent in a sealed cover superscribed as **"Tender For Supply, Erection And Commissioning of Continuous Bleaching Range/Stenter Machine -TCTP MILLS, ERODE"** should reach the Office of the Commissioner of Handlooms, Kuralagam IInd Floor, Chennai-108 on or before 11.00 AM on 04.07.2022 along with Tender Cost, with EMD for Continuous Bleaching Range Machine – 5 Lakhs and Stenter Machine – 2 Lakhs and required documents as specified in the Tender Schedule. The Tender documents containing the list of machinery required, detailed Technical Specifications and Terms & Conditions for the supply can be had in person from the office of the Mills and also from Office of the Commissioner of Handlooms, Kuralagam IInd Floor, Chennai from 02.06.2022 by remitting cost as noted in the Tender Schedule. The Tender documents can also be downloaded from the Government website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in at free of cost.** The dates and timings of the Tender Pre-Bid Meeting and Tender opening meeting details will be available in the tender schedule uploaded in the above noted website.

DIPR/ 2595 /TENDER/2022 JOINT DIRECTOR / MANAGING DIRECTOR

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Fax: 080-22213172 Website: www.ksmc.karnataka.gov.in
No:KSMCL/S&S/AN/e-Tender/342-V/TIOM/2022-23/708 Date: 31.05.2022

SHORT TERM e-TENDER INVITATION

KSMCL invites Short term e-Tender for Selection of Agency for supply of Ammonium Nitrate for SIOM, TIOM & NDM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1.	Last date and time for Uploading of e-Tender.	10.06.2022 upto 5.00 PM
2.	Technical Bid Opening	14.06.2022 at 11.00 AM
3.	Earnest Money Deposit	Refer e-tender Document

Tender document can be downloaded from e-procurement website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Contact e-procurement helpdesk No. 080-46010000, 68948777. e-mail : support@eprochelpdesk.com for any support in uploading and registration.

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, वृत बून्दी
क्रमांक : 653 दिनांक : 27.05.2022

निविदा सूचना संख्या 07/2022-23
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OFFICE OF THE MEMBER SECRETARY & SUPERINTENDENT RAJASTHAN MEDICARE RELIEF SOCIETY SIR PADAMPAT INSTITUTE OF NEONATLOGY PEADIATRIC HEALTH, J.L.N. MARG, JAIPUR

No...../Store/SPINPH/RMRS/2022/4968 Date: 24/05/2022

E-Tender Notice 2022-23

Tenders are invited rate contract for supply of Generic drugs & medicines for hospital use. Tender Document will be available on the net. The tender notice and other details can be downloaded from the website http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. No separate hardcopy will be given from this office. Any technical difficulty please contacts the Office.

Bidding Schedule

1.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 4.00 Crore (Rupees Four Crore only)
2.	Tender Fees	Rs.1000.00 (Rupees One Thousand only)
3.	RISL Processing Fees	Rs.1000.00 (Rupees One Thousand only)
4.	Earnest Money	Rs. 8.00 Lacs (Rupees Eight Lacs only)
5.	Publishing in newspaper Date	25-05-2022
6.	Publishing in e-Tender Dated & Time	25-05-2022 at 04:00 PM
7.	Document download start date & Time	26-05-2022 from 10.00 AM
8.	Document Download end time & date	07-06-2022 till 04:00 PM
9.	Bid submission start date & Time	25-05-2022 from 01:00 PM
10.	Tender Fees, Processing Fees, EMD Fees DD Submitted End Date and time	07-06-2022 till 02:00 PM
11.	Bid submission End date & time	07-06-2022 till 05:00 PM
12	Tender opening date & venue	08-06-2022 at 02:00 PM at office, SPINPH, Jaipur

Note:
1. Earnest money and tender fees (in the form of Bankers Cheque/Demand Draft in favour of MS.RMRS SPMCHI JAIPUR, payable at Jaipur) and RISL processing fees (by way of bankers Cheque/Demand Draft in favour of MD, RISL) to be submitted physically at the office of Member Secretary Rajasthan Medicare Relief Society, Sir Padampat Institute of Neonatal & Pediatric Health, J.L.N. Marg Jaipur before submission of 07-06-2022 at 02:00 PM.
2. Bidders who wish to participate in this tender will have to register on http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in.
3. To participate in online tender, bidders will have to procure digital signature certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act 2000.

The Member Secretary Rajasthan Medicare Relief Society, Sir Padampat Institute of Neonatal & Pediatric Health, Jaipur reserves the right to reject all / any application received from the firm without assigning and reason thereof.

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Member Secretary & Superintendent
Rajasthan Medicare Relief Society
SPINPH, Jaipur

'Working to build new India, not vote bank'

PM Modi releases 11th instalment of PM-Kisan scheme

A.M. JIGEESH
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the 11th instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-Kisan) scheme in Shimla on Tuesday. Under the scheme, ₹6,000 is given in three equal instalments to all land holding farmer families.

The Centre said it would distribute ₹21,000 crore among more than 10 crore beneficiary farmer families. Each beneficiary would get ₹2,000 each in this instalment.

Addressing the beneficiaries, the Prime Minister thanked the people for giving him the opportunity to serve them. He said the previous government considered corruption as an essential part of the system.

He alleged that instead of fighting corruption, the then government succumbed to it and the money meant for needy people did not reach them.

Mr. Modi said the trinity of Jan Dhan-Aadhaar and mobile ensured that money was reaching the beneficiaries directly in their accounts.

"Earlier there was a compulsion to suffer smoke in the kitchen, today there is a facility to get LPG cylinders from the Ujjwala scheme. Earlier there was the shame of open defecation; now the poor have the dignity of toilets. Earlier there was helplessness to raise money for treatment, today every poor has the support of Ayushman Bharat. Earlier there was a fear of triple talaq, now there is the courage to fight for one's rights," he claimed.

Mr. Modi maintained that vote bank politics had done a lot of damage to the country. "We are working to build a new India, not a vote bank," he stressed. "100% empowerment means ending discrimination, eliminating recommendations, and ending appeasement. 100% empowerment means that every poor gets full benefits from government schemes," he stated.

Warm welcome: Prime Minister Narendra Modi waving at the crowd at a roadshow in Shimla on Tuesday. • PTI

Sri Lankan flights make refuelling halts

Due to fuel shortages in the island nation, they stop at Chennai, Thiruvananthapuram, say sources

MURALI N. KRISHNASWAMY
CHENNAI

Sri Lankan Airlines has begun "technical halts" at Chennai and Thiruvananthapuram for some of its long-haul international flights which, an aviation source told *The Hindu*, were essentially refuelling stops due to a shortage of jet fuel at the island nation's Bandaranaike International Airport.

These are sectors operated with the airline's largest aircraft, the 297-seat Airbus A330-300s. The government-owned carrier started the first of these approximately 40-minute transit halts recently with UL454 (Colombo-Tokyo Narita) landing in Chennai on May 23.

Refill stops

The 6,897-km non-stop route is usually covered in a little over eight hours. The source said that there is a fuel refill on the return sector (UL455) too. On May 27, UL604, to Melbourne, was refuelled at Chennai, but this flight has a stopover at Thiruvananthapuram now as it is the closest large Indian airport from Sri Lanka, an air distance of 357 km. Some other flights that replenished their fuel reserves in Kerala were UL553 (Colombo-Frankfurt), on May 27, and UL606, to Sydney. The aviation source added that another overseas fuel stop was Dubai, for the Paris flights.

These approximately 40 minute halts began recently, say sources.

Official confirmation

An airline official confirmed the development but no further details were given. According to a senior commander who flies Airbus aircraft, while the fuel uplift for a 10-hour flight on the Airbus A330 would be about 60 tonnes, there would have to be additional fuel to meet the mandatory regulatory requirements for contingencies, possible diversions and as reserves.

The aviation source also said that some international airlines operating to Sri Lanka could have been advised to tanker their flights to avoid refuelling issues at Colombo.

Aid too low, say farm unions

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The farmers' organisations are not amused by the release of the 11th instalment of the PM-Kisan scheme.

They argue that the amount is very less when compared to the losses suffered by farmers in the recent past. All India Kisan Sabha president Ashok Dhawale said the prices of fertilizers have increased by ₹600 to ₹700 per bag and seeds are being sold in the black market. "Farmers cannot afford farming." The coordinator of BKU Pavel Kussa said the decrease in the production of wheat due to early summer and heatwave is not yet calculated.

YouTube blocked over a million videos

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Video sharing platform YouTube blocked over a million videos in India during the first three months of this year - more than any other country in the world, according to its Community Guidelines Enforcement report released on Tuesday.

As per the data shared, YouTube removed 11,75,859 videos in India for violating its Community Guidelines during January-March 2022 quarter. YouTube has Community Guidelines that set the rules of the road for what is not allowed on the platform.

Sharad bids goodbye to Lutyens' Delhi

'I am only moving house, not my politics'

SOBHANA K. NAIR
NEW DELHI

Socialist leader Sharad Yadav has bid goodbye to Lutyens' Delhi after nearly four decades. He vacated his 7 Tughlaq Road residence of 22 years on Tuesday, ending a roller-coaster career in Delhi and also bringing close to an era of socialist politics.

"I am only changing houses, not my politics," were his parting words. Moments before the trucks carrying the family's belongings trundled out of the house, he paused, to speak to presspersons, reminding them of his legacy.

His daughter Subashini Raj Rao has to shout out the questions to him. The hearing challenge though does not come in the way of clarity of thought. In his own assessment, he will be remembered for three things: Mandal, caste census, and, ironically, stalling the women's reservation Bill.

Sharad Yadav

The decision by Prime Minister V.P. Singh's government to implement the Mandal Commission in August 1990 upended Indian politics. Mr. Yadav said that it was he who forced V.P. Singh's hand. And, it was his demand for a caste-based quota within the women's reservation Bill that necessitated the second UPA government to hold back on the law.

In 2011, he says, it was on his initiative that the Congress-led government started the caste census, which led to the Socio-Economic Caste Census He came to Delhi 48 years ago after winning the Jabalpur Lok Sabha seat in Madhya Pradesh at the age of 27 years in the 1974 general elections. He was expelled from the JD(U) in 2017. He was soon suspended from the Rajya Sabha too. Despite the suspension, he stayed on at 7 Tughlaq Road due to a court order.

There was speculation that the Rashtriya Janata Dal will offer a Rajya Sabha berth. He did not want his farewell from the Lutyens' Zone to be tinted with regret. "All candidates for the Rajya Sabha elections have already been announced so why speak of it now," he said.

As he shifts to the margins of Delhi to his daughter's home in Chhattarpur, his wife, Rekha Yadav, says that it is not a final adieu to Lutyens Delhi. "We will make a strong comeback," she said, pinning her hopes on her daughter Ms. Rao and son Shantanu.

Centre to monitor cable operators' feed

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Ministry is getting devices installed on the head-end of cable operators across the country to monitor their output feed.

The head-end receives TV signals from satellites and processes them for distribution to the cable networks and households.

"The devices are being installed to monitor if the channels are being broadcast properly," an official said. "The monitoring devices are to be installed on the head-end of the cable operators, under the provision of Sub-Section 4 of Section 10A of the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995," the advisory said. The cable operators have been requested to cooperate with the Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited officials visiting their premises for the installation of devices. Non-cooperation will be viewed as a violation, it said.

Ministry brings out guidelines to manage monkey pox cases

Surveillance and rapid identification of cases suggested

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India needs to be prepared to tackle cases of monkey pox in view of the increasing reports of cases in non-endemic countries, the Union Health Ministry said on Tuesday while issuing "Guidelines on management of monkey pox disease".

The Ministery confirmed that there are no reported cases of the infection in India.

"We are maintaining a close watch on the situation. Monkey pox (MPX) is a viral zoonotic disease with symptoms similar to smallpox, although with less clinical severity," a Health Ministry official said.

It is a viral zoonotic disease with symptoms similar to smallpox.

Natural reservoir

Stating that the natural reservoir of the virus is yet unknown, the Ministry has said that certain rodents (including rope squirrels, tree squirrels, Gambian-pouched rats, dormice) and non-human primates are known to be naturally susceptible to the virus. The incubation period of monkey pox is usually from six to 13 days, but can range from five to 21 days, and the period of communicability a day or two before the rash until all the scabs fall off or subside.

Suspected cases will include a person of any age having a history of travel to affected countries within the last 21 days presenting with an unexplained acute rash and one or more of symptoms, including swollen lymph nodes, fever, head/body ache and profound weakness. As per the guidelines, contacts should be monitored at least daily for the onset of signs/symptoms for a period of 21 days from the last contact during the infectious period.

The guidelines stress surveillance and rapid identification of new cases as key public health measures for outbreak containment, mandating need to reduce the risk of human-to-human transmission.

Products to avoid

Products derived from wild animals from Africa should be avoided, the Ministry said. It said travellers should refrain from close contact with sick people, including those with skin or genital lesions, contact with dead or live wild animals such as small mammals including rodents (rats, squirrels) and non-human primates (monkeys, apes) and also eating or preparing meat from wild game (bushmeat).

Second line of lawyers missing: SC

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday observed that a second line of lawyers is missing in the top court and every senior advocate having over 20 years of experience must guide at least 15 junior lawyers.

A Vacation Bench said that senior advocates of the Supreme Court can devise some modalities to train the junior lawyers in court-craft and etiquette.

The observations came during the hearing of a matter in which the Bench said, "The second line of lawyers is missing. We want the young generation of legal profession to be groomed and by the time the older generation is old and wants to quit, the young generation is ready. At present there is a gap in this. Every senior lawyer who has more than 20 years of experience in the bar must undertake to train and guide at least 15 junior lawyers of which five will at least come up to the mark."

President Kovind gives away gallantry awards

Late J&K Police constable honoured

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Jammu and Kashmir Police constable Altaf Hussain Bhat and Group Captain Varun Singh of the India Air Force (IAF) were posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra and the Shaurya Chakra posthumously by President Ram Nath Kovind on Tuesday.

The second phase of the Defence Investiture Ceremony at the Rashtrapati Bhavan was attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Several gallantry awards were given posthumously to personnel of the Cobra unit of the CRPF, the J&K police, the Odisha police and personnel from the Army, Navy and the IAF.

Mr. Bhat was awarded the Kirti Chakra posthumously for his raw courage and supreme sacrifice for the nation. The J&K police constable was deputed to ensure the safety and security of protected functionaries in Ganderbal district. On October 6, 2020, the protected person visited his family at Nunner and was about to proceed to his safe accommodation when he was targeted by terrorists, who indiscriminately fired upon him. Mr Bhat retaliated and despite his injuries, he chased them and killed one terrorist on the spot.

President Kovind presenting Kirti Chakra to kin of late Altaf Hussain Bhat.

Group Captain Singh was awarded the Shaurya Chakra for successfully manoeuvring and landing the Light Combat Aircraft at the Hindon airbase on October 12, 2020, despite it developing a major technical snag.

New judges for Delhi, Calcutta HCs

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Law Ministry on Tuesday elevated nine additional judges of the Madras High Court as permanent judges, extended the term of one additional judge by one more year and appointed new judges to the Delhi and Calcutta High Courts.

Sharing the list of appointments, Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said, "I extend best wishes to all of them!"

Advocate Anish Dayal has been appointed a judge in the Delhi High Court while advocate Amit Sharma had been made an additional judge in the same Court. Additional judges of the Madras HC who have been elevated are Justices Govindarajulu Chandrasekharan, Veerasamy Sivagnanam, Ganesan Ilangovan, Ananthi Subramanian, Kannammal Shanmuga Sundaram, Sathi Kumar Sukumara Kurup, Murali Shankar Kuppuraju, Manjula Ramaraju Nalliah and Thamilselvi T. Valayapalayam.

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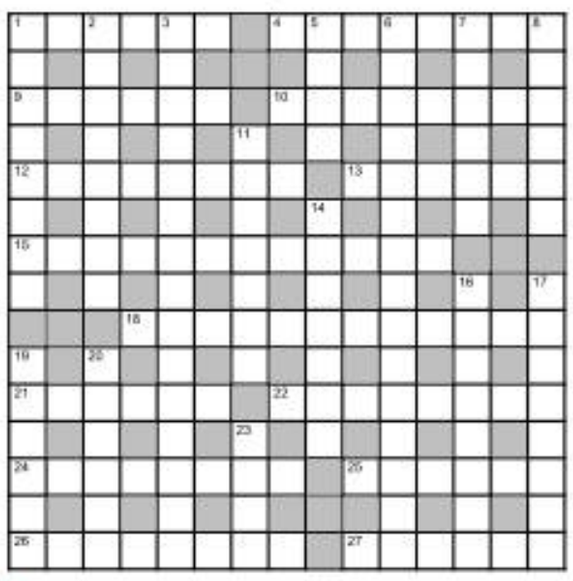

ACROSS

1 Country sides are noisy inside and overcast outside (6)
4 Club King discarded, go away! (5,3)
9 Watched the Queen return by the night flight (6)
10 Leader shot right at the back – sign of impending trouble (3,5)
12 Plant or a wild lion? Harbouring a doubt (8)
13 It's a short launch – has got some capital (6)
15 One's altogether in it, perhaps (8,4)
18 Fellow scientist had standing, I dropped out as he became a monster (12)
21 One more graduate, right away begins simple life (6)
22 Advice to promote mediocrity – shun a drink (8)
24 It's not even innate pride that makes one fearless (8)
25 Biased press has only questions (6)
26 Knockabout in Australia – it's hard and many go from east to west (8)
27 Cut it, indeed disorganised (6)

DOWN

1 With a rub can produce a natural wax (8)
2 Used to protect those who resist change (3,5)
3 Loot is there for all to see (8,7)
5 Cover point brought in – one wasn't truthful (4)
6 Calibration does go wrong for a performance enhancer (8,7)
7 Exposed previous state (6)
8 Big man shows interest in a painter (6)
11 Plea for help by girl behind those in the middle (7)
14 Old woman brought in and welcomed (7)
16 Nowadays in modest surroundings but dissolute overall (8)
17 Crazy end since one was mad (8)
19 Michael Jordan is, however, part European (6)
20 Maybe later pick up some dumplings (3,3)
23 Climate inland is capital (4)

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Solution to puzzle 13570

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Parasara Bhatta wins debate

Parasara Bhatta, a great scholar and Vaishnavite Acharya, brought a Vedantic scholar into the Sri Vaishnava fold, said Thenthirupperai Aravindalochanan in a discourse. When Bhatta was worshipping Lord Ranganatha at the Srirangam temple, the Lord told him to win over a Vedantin called Madhavachari to Visishtadvaitic thought. Madhavachari lived at Melkote in Karnataka. One day some pilgrims visited Melkote, and Madhavachari asked them if they knew anyone equal to him in scholarship. They replied that Parasara Bhatta was the only one equal to him. When the pilgrims reached Srirangam, Parasara Bhatta told them, "Next time, tell him that I am a better scholar than he is."

On their next visit to Melkote, the pilgrims told Madhavachari that Bhatta was superior to him. Madhavachari felt that in that case he should never engage in debate with Bhatta. Lord Ranganatha then asked Bhatta to go to Melkote to meet Madhavachari, and to take with him all the temple officials, and to travel in His palanquin. Only one priest and cook were to be left behind to attend to daily duties in the temple. When the procession reached Melkote, another Vaishnavite Acharya called Anantazhvan met Bhatta, and said such a grand procession would keep him off from debating directly with Madhavachari.

As advised by Anantazhvan, Bhatta left behind the Lord's palanquin and wearing simple clothes, he met Madhavachari where food was being served to scholars. Bhatta told Madhavachari that he had come for a debate with him. Bhatta won the debate. Madhavachari became a Visishtadvaitin, and took the name Nanjeeyar. When Lord Ranganatha asked Bhatta how he had won the debate, Bhatta said he had quoted Thirumangai Azhvar's Tirunedunthandakam.

The Rajapaksa sheen fades in stronghold Hambantota

Faced with shortages and power cuts, citizens have taken to the streets, primarily targeting the Rajapaksa clan

MEERA SRINIVASAN
WEERAKETIYA, HAMBANTOTA

Paddy farmer S.D. Weerawansa has made a livelihood decision and a political pledge in recent weeks – he will not sow in the coming season, and he will never back a Rajapaksa again.

They aren't unrelated. His crop has fallen by 50% this harvest, a consequence of Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's ban on chemical fertilizers last year. The ban was revoked months later, following farmers' protests and wide criticism from experts, but that did not save the crop. The annual yield of paddy and tea, crucial for Sri Lanka's food security and foreign exchange, has dropped by half, according to farmers and crop scientists.

"I used to pay 2,000 [Sri Lankan] rupees for a bottle of weedicide. Now, a bottle costs 22,000. Even if chemical fertilizers are available now, we just cannot afford them," he explains, seated at the red cement-floored verandah of his small home in Weeraketiya in the southern Hambantota district, known for its big-ticket, China-backed mega projects that critics have termed "white elephants".

Rise in production cost

The Rajapaksa government, in its May 2021 ban and subsequent reversal, effectively cut fertilizer subsidy earlier provided to farmers, resulting in a 10-fold increase in production cost for farmers. That, coupled with record inflation during the current economic meltdown, has made the essential farming ingredient exorbitant in the market.

"Everyone is talking about a food crisis and starvation. It is unfair to expect farmers to fix food shortages now," says Mr. Weerawansa.

When paddy farmers decide not to sow this season, seed farmers such as W.W.P. Chandrasiri are directly affected. "How can I expect farmers to buy the seeds at a time like this?" he asks, resigned to his imminent losses. The seeds can't be stored past their stipulated time of nine months following which farmers have no choice but to convert the seeds to rice grains. "A kilo of seed paddy is sold at 150 rupees, but when it is converted to rice, it fetches only 100 rupees," he says, revealing how a powerful President's rash policy shift is impacting the country's food ecosystem.

Growing anger: The destroyed memorial of the Rajapaksas' parents in Weeraketiya. •MEERA SRINIVASAN

It is proving especially costly at a time when Sri Lanka, reeling under a crippling economic crisis, has run out of dollars to import essentials, including food. Colombo is coping with external help. Flagging impending food shortages recently, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe said the country needs $600 million to ensure adequate fertilizer supply. President Gotabaya, who in April admitted that the fertilizer ban was a "mistake", has now asked officials to formulate a National Fertilizer Policy "expeditiously".

"People in the capital and major cities say that those of us living in villages are still better off during this crisis, we can grow something in our backyards and put together a meal. That is true, we can manage to an extent. But that takes care of just our own family, that too temporarily," says Mr. Chandrasiri. "If we can't grow food, the country will go hungry."

The anger that farmers expressed last year is now widely shared by citizens, as seen in heightening public protests in recent months. Grappled with acute shortages of milk powder, other essential food items, fuel, and LPG gas, in addition to power cuts all day until recent rains, citizens have taken to the streets in Colombo and many other districts, demanding that President Gotabaya resign. The public outrage is directed at the entire government and ruling establishment but is primarily against the Rajapaksa clan. It forced Mahinda Rajapaksa, President Gotabaya's older brother, to resign as Prime Minister. Other brothers Chamal and Basil Rajapaksa, and Mr. Mahinda's son Namal Rajapaksa also stepped down from Cabinet positions. They all resigned on May 9, after their supporters brutally attacked peaceful protesters in Colombo, setting off violent retaliatory attacks by incensed citizens.

Citizens' fury

The citizens' fury manifested starkly in Weeraketiya, a Rajapaksa stronghold. Arsonists destroyed a memorial for the Rajapaksa brothers' parents built here, allegedly using public funds. Mr. Mahinda's ancestral home in nearby Medamulana was attacked, as was Carlton House, the family home in Tangalle, some 15 km south, where their father's statue was also destroyed.

At the top of the road leading to Mr. Mahinda's Weeraketiya home, two conical, crystal-like structures installed in his parents' memory, just above a small underground museum, lay broken, their corners shattered into pieces. Armed soldiers guard the area. A few metres down the road are Chamal Rajapaksa Primary School, named after the eldest Rajapaksa brother, and the adjacent D.A. Rajapaksa Maha Vidyalaya, named after their father. It is hard to miss the Rajapaksa imprint in this Sinhala-majority, southern belt where Mr. Mahinda was, until recently revered like a king, and even a deity.

Not anymore. "You see how they have attacked the Rajapaksa memorial," says Mr. Weerawansa, who had voted for Mr. Gotabaya in 2019, to "give him a chance". "He was new to politics and promised to work for the country, but he has let us all down. Now, people have shown that they will not tolerate any Rajapaksa - no brother, no son!"

EU bans majority of Russian oil imports

Embargo a big step forward, says Belgian PM

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BRUSSELS

In the most significant effort yet to punish Russia for its war in Ukraine, the European Union agreed to ban the overwhelming majority of Russian oil imports after tense negotiations that tested how far the bloc is willing to go to ostracise Moscow.

From the moment Russia invaded on February 24, the West has sought to make Moscow pay economically for its war. But targeting the lucrative energy sector was seen as a last resort in Europe and has proved hardest since the bloc relies on the country for 25% of its oil and 40% of its natural gas.

Major market: The European Union relies on Russia for 25% of its oil and 40% of its natural gas. •AFP

In a move unthinkable just months ago, EU leaders agreed late on Monday to cut around 90% of all Russian oil imports over the next six months.

Belgian Prime Minister Alexander De Croo called the embargo a "big step forward" on Tuesday morning and Irish Prime Minister Micheal Martin hailed it as "a watershed moment". But both leaders cautioned that Europe would need time to adjust to the impact – and any further bans on Russian energy could only come slowly, if at all.

'Hatred for Russians'

The deputy head of Russia's Security Council said on Tuesday that energy sanctions against the country were intended to hurt ordinary Russians by making it harder for Moscow to fund social programmes.

"They hate us all! The basis for these decisions is hatred for Russia, for Russians and for all its inhabitants," Dmitry Medvedev, who is also a former President and Prime Minister, wrote on the Telegram app.

'City being destroyed ruthlessly'

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SLOVIANSK

Russian forces in a "frenzied push" have seized half of the eastern Ukrainian city of Sievierodonetsk that is key to Moscow's efforts to complete the capture of the Donbas region, the Mayor said. "The city is essentially being destroyed ruthlessly block by block," Oleksandr Striuk said. He said heavy street fighting continues and artillery bombardments threaten the lives of nearly 13,000 civilians still sheltering in the ruined city.

'NATO bid backing only if Nordics meet demands'

They must alter laws if needed: Turkey

REUTERS
ANKARA/HELSINKI

Finland and Sweden should change their laws if needed to meet Turkey's demands and win its backing for their bid to join NATO, the Turkish Foreign Minister said on Tuesday, doubling down on a threat to veto an historic enlargement of the alliance.

In a move that shocked its allies, Turkey on May 13 objected to Finland and Sweden joining NATO on the grounds that they harbour people linked to groups it deems terrorists, including the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), and because they halted arm exports to Turkey in 2019. The Nordic states applied to join NATO after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. All 30 NATO members must approve any enlargement plans.

Mevlut Cavusoglu said Turkey, a NATO member for seven decades, would not lift its veto unless its demands were met, echoing recent comments by President Tayyip Erdogan.

Ankara has said Sweden and Finland must halt their support for the PKK and other groups and bar them from organising any events on their territory, among other demands.

Cash-strapped Sri Lanka hikes taxes

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
COLOMBO

Cash-strapped Sri Lanka on Tuesday announced steep, across-the-board tax hikes to shore up revenue as the country suffers its worst economic downturn and seeks an IMF bailout.

The value-added tax (VAT) applied on almost all goods and services was raised from 8% to 12% with immediate effect, while corporate taxes were also increased from 24% to 30%.

The personal income tax exemption threshold was lowered from 3 million rupees ($8,330) a year to 1.8 million rupees.

Israel signs UAE free trade deal, its first in Arab world

Duty to be scrapped on 96% of products

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
DUBAI

Israel signed a free trade deal with the United Arab Emirates on Tuesday, its first with an Arab country, building on their U.S.-brokered normalisation of diplomatic relations in 2020.

Israel's Ambassador to the oil-rich UAE, Amir Hayek, tweeted *mabruk* – congratulations in Arabic – with a photo of Emirati and Israeli officials holding documents at a signing ceremony in Dubai.

The Emirati envoy to Israel, Mohamed Al Khaja, hailed as an "unprecedented achievement" the deal that, according to the Israeli side, scraps customs duties on 96% of all products traded.

"Businesses in both countries will benefit from faster access to markets and lower tariffs as our nations work together to increase trade, create jobs, promote new skills and deepen cooperation," Mr. Khaja tweeted.

The Ministers of Israel and the UAE signing the pact on Tuesday. •AFP

The 2020 deal was part of the U.S.-brokered Abraham Accords that also saw Israel establish diplomatic ties with Bahrain and Morocco.

Two-way trade between Israel and the UAE last year totalled some $900 million dollars, according to Israeli figures.

As China ups threat, U.S. Senator visits Taiwan

Duckworth reiterates support for island

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TAIPEI

U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth on Tuesday reiterated America's support for Taiwan on her second visit in a year to the self-governing island claimed by China.

Ms. Duckworth met Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen and emphasised the close economic, political and security relations between Taipei and Washington.

China sent 30 military aircraft toward the island on Monday in an ongoing campaign of regular flights. Taiwan's Defence Ministry said it responded by scrambling jets, putting air defence missile systems on alert and issuing radio warnings.

Ms. Duckworth said she wanted to "emphasise our support for Taiwan security". She cited strong bipartisan backing for a Bill she has put forward promoting cooperation between Taiwan's armed forces and the National Guard.

"I do want to say that it is more than just about military. It's also about the economy," the Illinois Democrat told Ms. Tsai.

Ms. Tsai thanked the U.S. government and the Congress "for the importance they place on peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait," as well as Ms. Duckworth herself for "keeping a close watch on Taiwan related security issues."

China said it strongly deplored Ms. Duckworth's visit.

"Taiwan is a province of China, and there is no so-called President," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian said. He urged the U.S. to end all official contacts with Taiwan.

Bodies of all victims taken to Kathmandu

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KATHMANDU

The bodies of 22 people, including four Indians, killed in the plane crash in Nepal's mountainous Mustang district on Sunday, have been brought to Kathmandu where the mortal remains would be handed over to their families after the post-mortem, officials said on Tuesday.

All the bodies have been sent to the Tribhuvan University Teaching Hospital for post-mortem examinations. The bodies will be handed to the families of the victims after the post-mortem, an official said.

The black box of the plane was also retrieved by a team of mountain guides from the crash site on Tuesday.

Australia PM names Assistant Minister for the Republic

A symbolic step toward ouster of Queen as head of state

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SYDNEY

Australia's centre-left Prime Minister Anthony Albanese named his Cabinet on Tuesday, including an "Assistant Minister for the Republic", despite the country being a constitutional monarchy.

As the United Kingdom's 96-year-old Queen Elizabeth II prepares to celebrate her platinum jubilee, her recently elected government in Australia took a symbolic step toward her ouster.

Mr. Albanese announced that Sydney MP Matt Thistlethwaite would be Assistant Minister for the Republic, in addition to other duties.

Anthony Albanese

Previous Labour leaders have promised a referendum on removing the Queen as Australia's head of state, but Mr. Albanese – a long-time Republican – did not make the promise a feature of his election campaign.

The move was welcomed by the Australian Republic Movement, which campaigns for an Australian head of state. "WE ARE ON OUR WAY!" tweeted prominent Republican and author Peter FitzSimons.

"Let the record show, for the first time in the history of the Commonwealth, Australia has a member of the Govt singularly devoted to removing the Crown, and helping Australia become a Republic," he added.

In 1999, Australians narrowly voted against becoming a Republic, following disagreement over the proposal that the Queen's replacement would be chosen by members of parliament, not the public.

Almost 55% of voters opposed the move.

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No.PCB/145/SEO/MINES/EPH/2022-23/1569 Dated: 30/05/2022

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION

Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd., has proposed to undertake Quarrying of Ordinary Sand at Bylachinte & B.D.Halli Sand Block No.BLY-OSB-1 of capacity 35,638TPA over an area of 13.00 acres (5.26Ha) located in Hagari River bed at Sy.Nos. 162(P) of Bylachinte & 342(P) of B.D.Halli, Bylachinte & B.D.Halli Village, Ballari Taluk & District. The project proponent has to obtain Environmental Clearance from SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, as per the EIA Notification dated 14.09.2006 (as amended on 01.12.2009), and is required to go through Environmental Public Hearing. As per the SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Terms of Reference letter (ToR) No.SEIAA 381 MIN 2021 dated: 20.11.2021 and request of the project proponent letter dated 12.04.2022, the Environmental Public Hearing is being conducted by the Board.

The details of the project are as follows:

1. **Name of the Company & Address: Karnataka State Minerals Corporation Ltd. KSMCL, TTMC A Block,5th Floor, BMTC Building, K H Road, Shanthinagar, Bangalore- 560027**
2. **Proposed Location of Quarry: Sy. Nos.162(P) of Bylachinte & 342(P) of B.D.Halli, Bylachinte & B.D.Halli Village, Ballari Taluk & District., Karnataka.**
3. **Details of proposed activity: Quarrying of Ordinary Sand of capacity 35,638 TPA**
4. **Pollution control measures:** Water sprinkling is done on road regularly, Avenue plantations, loaded vehicle will be covered with tarpaulin, regular road maintenance, green belt formation etc. Ground water recharging pit in consultation with land owner. Rain water harvesting work, rejuvenation of catchment area towards up stream of the sand block, gully plug and check dam. Garland drain to be formed to avoid rain water into working places. Regular maintenance of vehicle, green belt development, proper road gradient maintenance etc. Awareness will be imparted to the workers about the permissible noise levels and maximum and maximum exposure to those levels.
5. **Date, time and venue of Environmental Public Hearing: 01.07.2022 (Friday) at 11.00 AM at Sy. Nos. 162(P) of Bylachinte & 342(P) of B.D.Halli Village, Ballari Taluk & District.**
6. **Places of availability of project documents as per EIA Notification, which is kept open to public are:** (a) Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District (b) Chief Executive Officer, Zilla Panchayat, Ballari District (c) District Industries Centre, Ballari District (d) Taluk Panchayath, Ballari Taluk (e) Village Panchayath Office, Karekallu (f) Village Panchayath Office, B.D. Halli (g) Regional Office, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ballari SEIAA, Government of Karnataka, Room No. 706, 7th Floor, 4th Gate, MS Building, Bengaluru–560 001 (h) **HELP DESK**, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, Ground Floor, No.49, Parisara Bhavan, Church Street, Bengaluru–560 001

NOTE: Suggestions, views, comments and objections of interested bonafide residents, environmental groups and others located at project site and likely to be affected by the proposed project are invited within 30 days from the date of publication of this Notification. They can also make oral/written/E-Mail suggestions to the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board/ Chairman, Environmental Public Hearing Committee (Deputy Commissioner, Ballari District, Ballari). Interested public can participate in the Public Hearing at the above place. For details please visit our Website: **kspcb.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Member Secretary

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KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Sharavathy Valley Hydro Electric Project)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

ABSTRACT 'e' TENDER NOTIFICATION

No: KPCL/2022-23/PS/Work Indent12321 Date:21-05-2022
Bids in two covers are invited through **'e'** procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in for the work of **" Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract of IG-55 Fire protection system installed in Control room, KIOSK-1 & KIOSK-2 & Medium Velocity Water Spray System installed in Mezzanine floor, Barrel floor, Governor floor & Cable galleries of Sharavathy Generating Station"** from reputed bidders with proven track record of successful completion of similar works as specified in pre-qualifying requirements. **EMD:** ₹51,920/-. **Last date & time for receipt of tenders:** 13-06-2022 up to 15:00 hrs. **Date & time of opening the technical bid:** 14-06-2022 at 15:30 hrs. **Further details can be had from the office of:** The Executive Engineer (ODY)Jog, Sharavathi Generating Station KPCL, Jog Falls-577435, Sagar Taluk, Shivamogga District, Phone:08186-244606 Mobile: 9449598803

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MARKET WATCH

	31-05-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,566	-0.64
US Dollar	77.71	-0.21
Gold	51,046	-0.01
Brent oil	123.42	2.16

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	739.85	5.15
Apollo Hosp	3979.30	87.35
Asian Paints	2859.65	15.65
Axis Bank	685.20	-8.45
Bajaj Auto	3864.10	7.40
Bajaj Finserv	12934.00	9.95
Bajaj Finance	6082.15	-29.05
Bharti Airtel	700.20	1.15
BPCL	326.20	-2.95
Britannia Ind	3647.80	71.55
Cipla	992.95	6.15
Coal India	192.90	5.70
Divis Lab	3591.30	24.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4369.65	-0.65
Eicher Motors	2780.75	22.30
Grasim Ind	1428.60	-12.40
HCL Tech	1040.75	0.85
HDFC	2306.75	-60.50
HDFC Bank	1388.95	-12.60
HDFC Life	598.95	-8.95
Hero MotoCorp	2773.90	3.35
Hindalco	422.55	5.80
Hind Unilever	2353.25	4.30
ICICI Bank	752.85	4.35
Indusind Bank	930.85	-5.35
Infosys	1503.60	-21.20
ITC	270.65	1.60
JSW Steel	551.25	12.40
Kotak Bank	1846.85	-56.35
L&T	1854.50	-6.35
M&M	1034.35	36.00
Maruti Suzuki	7966.35	-47.55
Nestle India Ltd.	17691.50	-15.40
NTPC	156.00	5.10
ONGC	151.25	7.20
PowerGrid Corp	232.90	4.65
Reliance Ind	2632.65	-32.15
SBI Life	1174.15	25.75
State Bank	468.10	-6.50
Shree Cement	22116.30	-344.10
Sun Pharma	860.60	-27.70
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	759.75	9.60
Tata Motors	443.55	1.15
Tata Steel	1055.65	8.20
TCS	3364.35	-10.90
Tech Mahindra	1180.25	16.25
Titan	2216.00	-39.90
UltraTech Cement	6082.60	-20.05
UPL	779.60	-2.95
Wipro	478.05	1.80

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 31

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	77.44	77.76
Euro	82.85	83.20
British Pound	97.44	97.88
Japanese Yen (100)	60.45	60.70
Chinese Yuan	11.62	11.67
Swiss Franc	80.63	80.97
Singapore Dollar	56.45	56.69
Canadian Dollar	61.08	61.36
Malaysian Ringgit	17.69	17.79
Australian Dollar	55.58	55.82

Source: Indian Bank

Fiscal deficit improved to 6.7% in FY22

Higher tax mop up helps; official estimates released in February had pegged deficit at 6.9% of GDP

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NEW DELHI

Fiscal deficit improved to 6.71% of the FY22 GDP over the revised budget estimate of 6.9% mainly on account of higher tax realisation.

Unveiling the revenue-expenditure data of the Union government, the Controller General of Accounts (CGA) said that the fiscal deficit in absolute terms was ₹15,86,537 crore (provisional). The Finance Ministry had in February estimated the deficit at ₹15,91,089 crore or 6.9% of GDP.

Tax receipts during the fiscal were at ₹18.2 lakh crore as against the revised estimates (RE) of ₹17.65 lakh crore, the data showed.

Total expenditure too was higher at ₹37.94 lakh crore against the RE of ₹37.7 lakh crore presented to Parliament on February 1, 2021. The CGA further said the revenue deficit at the end of the fiscal was 4.37% for fiscal year 2021-22.

Glide path: The government estimates fiscal deficit for FY23 at 6.4% of GDP, or ₹16.6 lakh crore. • NAGARA GOPAL

In another set of data, the CGA said the fiscal deficit during the first month of FY23 was 4.5% of the Budget Estimate for the current fiscal. The deficit was 5.2% a year earlier. The government said it expected the fiscal deficit for the current financial year at 6.4% of GDP, or ₹16.61 lakh crore.

In April 2022, there was a revenue surplus of ₹591 crore. Government meets its fiscal deficit from market borrowings.

Revenue collections were about ₹27 lakh crore, almost ₹5 lakh crore above the budget estimates, said Vivek Jalan, Partner, Tax Connect Advisory.

'Analytics aids revenue'

"The spurt in tax revenues, especially GST collection, was mainly a result of DGARM, which is the Data Analytics wing of the GST Council," Mr. Jalan said.

Aditi Nayar, chief economist, ICRA, said the provisional data indicated that the fiscal deficit of the Centre was contained marginally below the FY22 revised estimate, benefitting from the higher tax and non-tax revenue receipts and lower capital spending, which absorbed the deficit in non-debt capital receipts and higher revenue expenditure.

'Risks to FY23 target'

On the outlook for FY23, Ms. Nayar said there were several risks to the fiscal deficit target of ₹16.6 lakh crore, emanating from the revenue loss to the Centre on account of the excise duty cut, lower-than-budgeted transfer of the RBI's surplus, and the need for additional spending on food, fertilizer and LPG subsidies through the year.

Oil rallies as EU agrees to ban most Russian crude

Brent rises for ninth straight session

REUTERS
LONDON

Oil prices extended a bull run on Tuesday after the EU agreed to a partial ban on Russian oil and China decided to lift some COVID curbs amid rising demand ahead of peak U.S. and European summer driving season.

Brent crude for July, which expires on Tuesday, rose $2.31, or 1.9%, to $123.98 a barrel by 0823 GMT, after earlier rising to $124.10 – its highest since March 9. The more active August contract rose $2.44 to $120.04.

European Union leaders agreed in principle to cut 90% of oil imports from Russia by the end of 2022, the bloc's toughest sanction yet on Moscow since the invasion of Ukraine three months ago.

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The embargo exempts pipeline oil from Russia as a concession to Hungary.

"As two-third of the Russian crude oil exports are seaborne around 1.5 million barrels per day (bpd) of oil will need to be replaced by the EU," PVM analyst Tamas Varga said.

"This volume is actually closer to 2.1-2.2 million bpd as both Poland and Germany are planning to phase out pipeline purchases by the end of the year."

Core sector production grew 8.4% year-on-year in April

Output for all sectors barring electricity shrank from March

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

India's core sector output expanded 8.4% in April, the fastest pace in six months, with crude oil and steel the only sectors among the eight infrastructure industries comprising the index to record a marginal decline in production from the year-earlier period.

However, on a sequential basis, the Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI), which constitutes about 40% of the Index for Industrial Production (IIP), declined 9.5% last month compared with March 2022 levels.

Electricity generation, which grew 10.7% year-on-year, was the only industry

to record a sequential increase as well, rising 0.8% from March. Coal output, which was 28.8% higher than in April 2021, shrank 25.6% from the preceding month's levels.

Cement output grew 8%, even as steel declined 0.7% from a year ago, but both contracted 13.6% from March 2022 levels. Similarly, fertilisers and refinery products were up 8.7% and 9.2% year-on-year, respectively, but fell 10.9% and 5.5% from March.

"The IIP growth in April can also be expected to be in the higher single digit range of 6% to 8%, based on these numbers," said Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Bank of Baroda.

Mr. Sabnavis added that some of the numbers like coal's 28.8% jump and power's 10.7% growth, while impressive, were "difficult to reconcile with the power crisis that was there in April with shortage of coal and power being reported".

LIC shares dip 3% after Q4 profit slips 17%

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Shares of LIC on Tuesday declined by more than 3% after the company posted a 17% drop in consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter ended March.

The stock declined 3.05% to settle at ₹811.50 on the BSE. During the day, it tanked 3.23% to ₹810.

At the NSE, it fell by 3.21% to end at ₹810.85.

In volume terms, 2.22 lakh shares were traded at the BSE and over 43.73 lakh shares at the NSE.

LIC on Monday posted a 17% decline in consolidated net profit to ₹2,409 crore for the fourth quarter ended March. The insurer had earned a profit of ₹2,917 crore in the same quarter a year earlier.

China unveils stimulus policies to support virus-hit economy

State Council vows to reduce real borrowing costs

REUTERS
BEIJING

China's Cabinet unveiled a package of 33 measures covering fiscal, financial, investment and industrial policies on Tuesday to revive a pandemic-ravaged economy, saying it will inspect how provincial governments implement them.

The stimulus package, which was flagged by China's State Council in a routine meeting last week, underscores Beijing's shift toward growth, after draconian COVID-19 control measures pounded the economy and threatens Beijing's 5.5% growth target for the year.

To revive investment and consumption, China will

promote healthy development of platform companies, which are expected to play a role in stabilising jobs, according to the measures.

China will also expand private investment, accelerate infrastructure construction and stimulate purchases of cars and home appliances to stabilise investments, according to the measures.

In terms of monetary and financial policies, China will boost financing efficiency via capital markets, by supporting domestic firms to list in Hong Kong, and promote offshore listings by qualified platform companies. The State Council also vowed to further reduce real borrowing costs, and strengthen financial support for infrastructure and major projects.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Finance said purchase tax for small-engine cars would be halved. The government would cut the tax for cars priced at no more than 3,00,000 yuan and with 2-litre or smaller engines to 5% of the sticker price, down from 10% earlier.

IN BRIEF

Attero to spend $1 bn to expand as EVs take off

NEW DELHI

India's largest electronics recycling firm Attero Recycling will spend $1 billion in the next 5 years and add plants in Poland, Ohio and Indonesia starting this year, CEO Nitin Gupta said as the firm aims to tap into a global boom for EVs. REUTERS

Beauty firm SUGAR Cosmetics raises $50 mn

CHENNAI

Omnichannel beauty firm SUGAR Cosmetics has closed $50-million Series D fundraising round led by the Asia fund of L Catterton, a private equity firm. The round saw strong interest from private equity (PE) funds with continued participation from existing investors - A91 Partners, Elevation Capital and India Quotient.

Six-airbag rule to hit small car sales: Maruti

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NEW DELHI

Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) wants the government to reconsider the proposal to make six airbags mandatory in passenger vehicles, saying the norm will adversely hit the already shrinking small car market and may even impact jobs in the auto sector.

The firm noted the rule would largely impact the cost-sensitive entry-level car segment – which has been facing headwinds and witnessing dwindling sales over the last three years – making it even more difficult for two-wheeler users to upgrade to small cars.

Nippon Paint India to open 600 retail outlets

Firm focussing on Karnataka: Titus

N. ANAND
CHENNAI

The decorative division of Nippon Paint India plans to open 600 retail outlets over the next seven months in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, said a senior official.

"We would like to be more aggressive in Karnataka than in Tamil Nadu, as we are already in the second position in Tamil Nadu," said Mark Titus, Director Marketing, Nippon Paint India (decorative division).

Nippon Paint proposes to open 300-400 independent retail points in Karnataka. The rest of the new outlets would be opened in Tamil Nadu. The market size of the Indian paint industry, which was about ₹50,000 crore prior to COVID, had shrunk. The decorative segment had accounted for 70% of it.

In 2022, Nippon Paint revised prices twice following rising fuel prices, the Russia-Ukraine war and logistics issues. "Price rise is inevitable," Mr. Titus said.

"While others are planning to raise the prices in June, we have not yet taken a decision, as we can't pass on the cost to the customers," he added.

"It would take at least six months for the industry to come back to normalcy."

ONGC sees oil output rising 11% by FY25

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NEW DELHI

ONGC said its crude oil production would rise 11% and natural gas output would jump 25% after newer discoveries offshore start producing.

Oil and Natural Gas Corp. (ONGC) said crude oil output would rise from 19.545 million tonnes (MT) in FY22 to 19.88 MT this year and 21.588 MT in FY23. The output would climb to 21.701 MT in FY25. Gas output would rise from 20.907 billion cubic meters in FY22 to 21.097 bcm this year and 24.387 bcm in the next. In FY25, output would reach 26.124 bcm.

India to oppose WTO freeze on e-com duties

'Need policy space for digital progress'

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NEW DELHI

India will strongly oppose continuation of moratorium on customs duties on e-commerce trade at the WTO's meeting in Geneva next month as it was adversely impacting developing countries, an official said.

The official said allowing the moratorium to lapse was important for developing nations to preserve policy space for their digital advancement, to regulate imports and generate revenue via customs duties.

The World Trade Organisation (WTO) members had agreed not to impose cus-

toms duties on electronic transmissions since 1998 and the moratorium had been periodically extended at successive ministerial conferences (MC), which is the highest decision making body of the 164-member organisation.

Private telcos to raise tariffs in H2: Crisil

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MUMBAI

The country's top three private telecom operators will resort to another round of tariff increases in the second half of the current fiscal and close FY23 with revenue growth of 20-25%, according to a report.

After a slow 5% growth in average revenue per user in FY22, the number is set to grow 15-20% in FY23 as the full impact of the increases carried out in the previous fiscal plays out, and also on the back of the newer increases expected in the second half of the year, Crisil's research wing said in a report.

SPORT

Umran Malik and Rashid Khan have more in common than at first apparent

In T20 cricket, winning is everything; elegance, style, artistry — elements on which the sport prides itself — are secondary if they exist at all

BETWEEN WICKETS

SURESH MENON

In general, sport values utility above artistry, and efficiency over creativity so we ought not to be asking if the age of the artist has ended in cricket.

The IPL raised that question afresh, a question that is its own answer (if you have to ask...). There was a cookie-cutter quality to the batting, a sameness to the bowling (the differences being only in degree) that threatens sport with its greatest enemy: homogeneity.

This is not unique to the IPL, but the format does encourage a depressing uniformity. You watch a large number of matches in a short span of time, so the apparently memorable quickly slips into the commonplace, making recall difficult. When you see 1062 sixes packed together in a tournament (as happened this year), the effort can lose some of its allure.

To borrow from what the musician T.M. Krishna said in another context, T20 with its emphasis on continuous excitement lacks a period of necessary inactivity to both understand and appreciate the sport.

Batsmen move their front foot away from the line of the ball and swing for the rafters, then repeat themselves. Repetition is the death of variety. T20 cricket rearranges a fundamental notion of the game: here, winning is everything.

Elegance, style, artistry – elements on which the sport prides itself – are secondary if they exist at all. The odd pull shot by Shubhman Gill, a cover drive by Rohit Sharma, an on-drive by K.L. Rahul all remind us that cricket is a game of great possibilities, and equally, that these possibilities are not always profitable to a team setting a target or chasing one.

It is true that the crude can also be artistic, and beauty in any case is in the eye of the beholder. Still, there is something about a Sourav Ganguly cover drive or the overall batting of a David Gower that elevates sport from mere competition to something artistic in most people's minds, and there is no reason why sport should not aspire to that state.

Umran Malik made one sit up with his pace. The realisation that he has some way to go still is a frightening thought for batsmen around the world. Watching Rashid Khan outwit batsmen match after match was thrilling too and a reminder that leg spinners have psychologically more in common with fast bowlers than with fellow-spinners. Think Shane Warne, Bhagwat Chandrasekhar or Abdul Qadir – the sheer energy of their performances, the physical strain they put on their bodies and the shock on the faces of beaten batsmen are straight out of the fast bowler's book of dreams.

Grace and effectiveness

Like artists who instinctively know which colours work best in combination, artistic players combine grace and effectiveness without strain. Two of the best India have produced are Bishan Bedi and Gundappa Vishwanath.

I have always loved this description of Bedi in action by the former England captain Tony Lewis: "When you have seen Bishan Bedi twirl down his spinners after 60 overs with the same gentle rhythm as he settled into at the start of the spell, you understand why his is a great bowling action. A clockmaker would have been proud to set Bedi in motion – a mechanism finely balanced, cogs rolling silently and hands sweeping in smooth arcs across the face."

Writers struggled to capture the elegant mix of gentleness and power in Vishwanath's square cut. He – and others like him – epitomised what Robertson-Glasgow said of England's Frank Woolley: "easy to watch, difficult to bowl to and impossible to write about".

When batsmen move around too much at the crease, overbalance or fall over, they have opted for the crude over the elegant. This is understandable – no coach will tell someone who has just hit a boundary, "That was not an elegant shot. Next time, focus on style even if you don't score any runs."

There was a time when being known as a stylish batsman was a compliment; now it is close to a put-down. The implication is that style is the enemy of effectiveness; teams prefer a crude boundary to a graceful single. No player has been picked for his elegance alone – beauty without cruelty makes no sense in competitive sport. Still, the same results can be arrived at with greater elegance.

Old-fashioned concept

Perhaps artistry is an old-fashioned concept. Maybe the artists in cricket have been the exceptions in every generation, giving writers an easy path towards romanticising the game. "Look where your feet are," a coach once berated a batsman for getting it wrong. "Yes, but look where the ball has gone," was the reply. Perhaps that has always been the philosophy.

Can players train to be elegant? It's a thought, even if the modern aesthetic tends towards ugliness if you go by some of our art, architecture, music or films.

Pakistan shifts WI ODIs to Multan

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ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan Cricket Board has shifted next month's ODI series against the West Indies from Rawalpindi to Multan in the wake of expected protest rallies planned by opposition politicians.

Former Prime Minister Imran Khan is planning rallies in Islamabad, which is adjacent to Rawalpindi, in the coming days

The series was postponed last year after West Indies played the three Twenty20s but was forced to go back home due to a COVID-19 outbreak in their camp. However, there will be no bio-secure bubble for the ODI series.

The schedule (June 8, 10 and 12), however, remains unchanged.

Trevisan passes the Fernandez test, enters maiden Slam semifinal

She will take on teenage star Gauff, who beat Stephens in straight sets to make the last four; Zverev halts Alcaraz; Cilic proves too good for second-seeded Medvedev

FRENCH OPEN

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
PARIS

Italy's Martina Trevisan reached her first Grand Slam semifinal on Tuesday with victory over Canada's Leylah Fernandez at Roland-Garros.

World No. 59 Trevisan downed the 17th seeded Canadian, a fellow left-hander, 6-2, 6-7(3), 6-3.

Trevisan was a shock quarterfinalist at Roland Garros as a qualifier in 2020.

Despite her low ranking this year, she returned to the tournament with a maiden WTA title under her belt in Rabat and went into Tuesday's tie on a nine-match winning streak.

She made that 10 when she claimed victory on a second match point having wasted one in the second set with Fernandez left to rue her 44 unforced errors.

Trevisan, now guaranteed a place in the top 30 at least, said Grand Slam titles by fellow Italians Francesca Schiavone in Paris in 2010 and Flavia Pennetta at the 2015 US Open were her influences.

"They are happy for me. I saw them yesterday as they are in Paris playing the legends event. They are my biggest inspirations."

Teenage star Coco Gauff also reached her maiden Grand Slam semifinals at the French Open on Tuesday.

Gauff, who burst onto the scene as a 15-year-old history-maker at Wimbledon three years ago, defeated fellow American Sloane Stephens 7-5, 6-2.

Victory for Gauff, 18 years old and ranked 23 in the world, avenged her defeat to Stephens at the 2021 US Open and helped erase the memory of her quarterfinal defeat last year to eventual champion Barbora Krejcikova in Paris.

Alexander Zverev beat Carlos Alcaraz in a dramatic four-set clash. The German third seed claimed a 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(7) victory over Spanish teenage sensation Alcaraz after three hours and 18 minutes.

Zverev moved into his second straight last-four match at Roland Garros after his first-ever Grand Slam win over a top-10 player.

World No. 2 Daniil Medvedev was knocked out by Marin Cilic in the last 16 on Monday in straight sets.

Former US Open champion Cilic eased to a 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 win in just 1hr 45 min on Court Philippe Chatrier.

Medvedev followed fourth-ranked Stefanos Tsitsipas out of the tournament after the 2021 runner-up was defeated by Danish teenager Holger Rune earlier in the day.

Cilic, ranked 23, will face Russia's Andrey Rublev in his third career Roland Garros quarterfinal.

Make that 10! Trevisan arrived at Roland-Garros with a maiden WTA title under her belt, and went into Tuesday's tie on a nine-match winning streak. • AFP

THE RESULTS

Quarterfinals: Women: Trevisan (Ita) bt 17-Fernandez (Can) 6-2, 6-7(3), 6-3; 18-Gauff (USA) bt Stephens (USA) 7-5, 6-2.
Men: 3-Zverev (Ger) bt 6-Alcaraz (Esp) 6-4, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(7).
Women's doubles (third round): 8-Pegula & Gauff (USA) bt 10-Sania (Ind) & Hradecka (Cze) 6-4, 6-3.
Monday's result: Men (fourth round): 20-Cilic (Cro) bt 2-Medvedev 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

Sania-Hradecka duo loses in third round

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PARIS

Sania Mirza and her Czech partner Lucie Hradecka lost to the American pair of Jessica Pegula and Coco Gauff 4-6, 3-6 in the third round of women's doubles at Roland-Garros on Tuesday.

The 10th-seeded Indo-Czech combination fell behind early in the first set and though it fought back, Pegula and Gauff held their nerve to win the set. It was almost a similar script in the second as the Americans prevailed.

Day in numbers

1 First-ever Grand Slam semifinal for 18-year-old Gauff

1 First quarterfinal appearance at a Major for Cilic since the 2018 US Open

5 Gauff is only the fifth women's singles player to reach the last-four at Roland-Garros before turning 19. Previous: Anisimova (2019), Vaidisova (2006), Henin (2001), Clijsters (2001)

8 Trevisan is the eighth Italian women's player to reach the last-four of a Grand Slam tournament and the first since Flavia Pennetta and Roberta Vinci (both 2015 US Open)

WEDNESDAY'S PICKS

QUARTERFINALS

MEN
7-Rublev vs. 20-Cilic
8-Ruud vs. Rune (N)

WOMEN
20-Kasatkina vs. 29-Kudermetova
1-Swiatek vs. 11-Pegula

LIVE TELECAST

Roland Garros 2022: Sony Ten 2, 3 & Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 1.30 p.m. onwards
Hockey: Asia Cup 2022: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 2.30 p.m. onwards
UEFA Nations League: Sony Ten 1 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 9.30 p.m.
Finalissima 2022: Italy vs Argentina, Sony Ten 1 & Sony LIV, 12.30 a.m. (Thursday)

IN BRIEF

Perez signs two-year deal with Red Bull

PARIS

Red Bull on Tuesday announced it has rewarded Sergio Perez with a fresh two-year deal until 2024 with the Mexican signing in Monaco last weekend. "For us, holding onto his pace, race craft and experience was a no-brainer and we are delighted that Checo will continue to race for the team until 2024," said team boss Christian Horner in a statement. AFP

Indian squads for CWG announced

CoA-run TTFI selection panel picks the teams for Birmingham campaign

TABLE TENNIS

ASHWIN ACHAL
BENGALURU

Sharath Kamal, G. Sathiyan and Manika Batra will spearhead the Indian table tennis challenge at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in July. The teams were selected by the five-member senior panel of the Committee of Administrators-run Table Tennis Federation of India.

The women's team, comprising Sreeja Akula, Reeth Rishya, Manika and Archana Kamath, with Diya Chitale as the standby, is a provisional one, subject to concurrence from the Sports Authority of India.

Explaining the reasons behind seeking concurrence from SAI, S.D. Mudgil, CoA representative and chairperson of the selection committee, said at a press conference here on Tuesday, "Under the existing selection criteria, one of the members of the women's team falls outside the top four. The selection committee is convinced that the existing guidelines are flawed, and has moved to make necessary course-correction, with new guidelines effective from October 1, 2022.

"However, in this transition phase, with an eye on a rich medal haul in Birmingham, we have included the said player in the team. She is one half of the pair that is ranked No. 4 in the world and which will be the top seeds at the Commonwealth Games. Therefore, the selection committee feels that this is a case worthy of consideration by SAI."

The men's team consists of Sanil Shetty, Sharath, Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai. Manush Shah will be the standby. The players were part of a week-long National camp for 15 paddlers at the Padukone-Dravid Centre for Sports Excellence here.

Mudgil stated that all the 15 players (eight men and seven women) at the camp will be fielded at the World Table Tennis Tour events in Zagreb (Croatia), Ototec (Slovakia) and Budapest (Hungary) in June and July.

Gita Mittal, the CoA chairperson, announced a five-year plan that envisages setting up a national academy, with regional academies in four other cities.

The squads:

Men: Sanil Shetty, Sharath Kamal, G. Sathiyan and Harmeet Desai; **Standby:** Manush Shah.

Women: Sreeja Akula, Reeth Rishya, Manika Batra and Archana Kamath; **Standby:** Diya Chitale.

Spearheads: Sharath, Sathiyan and Manika will lead the Indian challenge. • FILE PHOTOS: RITU RAJ KONWAR

Heartbreak for India

Korea holds defending champion 4-4

ASIA CUP

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JAKARTA

Despite some impressive and fast-paced hockey, India was pushed out of the Asia Cup title race following a 4-4 draw with Korea on Tuesday.

Malaysia's 5-0 win over Japan earlier meant that an outright win was a pre-requisite for India to qualify for the summit clash.

India, Malaysia and Korea finished on five points each in the Super 4 stage, but the Birendra Lakra-side fell behind on goal difference.

Nilam Sanjeep Xess (9th minute), Dipsan Tirkey (21st), Mahesh Sheshe Gowda (22nd) and Shakthivel Mareeswaran (37th) scored for India, while Korea scored through Jang Jonghyun (13th), Ji Woo Cheon (18th), Kim JungHoo (28th) and Jung Manjae (44th).

Korea will now take on Malaysia in the final on Wednesday, while India will play Japan in the third-place match.

So near yet so far: The Indians put their best foot forward, but bowed out of the title race on goal difference.

Team India to assemble on June 5

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NEW DELHI

The Indian cricket team will assemble here on June 5 for the five-match T20I series against South Africa. The visitors will land on June 2.

The first match will be held here on June 9.

There will be no crowd restrictions and there will be no bio-bubble for the series.

The other venues are Cuttack (June 12), Visakhapatnam (June 14), Rajkot (June 17) and Bengaluru (June 19).

"The Indian team will assemble here on June 5 while the South Africans land in Delhi on June 2," said DDCA joint secretary Rajan Manchanda.

K.L. Rahul will lead the Indian team in the absence of regular skipper Rohit Sharma, who has been rested for the series alongside Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah.

Anand humbles Carlsen

Anand. • FILE PHOTO

SPORTS BUREAU

Continuing his fine run in the shorter time-format, Viswanathan Anand stunned Magnus Carlsen on way to the tied third spot in the 10th Norway Chess 2022 Blitz at Stavanger on Monday.

Wesley So won the event scoring 6.5 points from nine rounds. Carlsen was second on 5.5 followed by Anish Giri, Anand and Shakhriyar Mamedyarov tied on 5 points.

Anand's 43-move victory over Carlsen was his first since 2017.

The five-time World champion started with a win over Norway's Aryan Tari, drew with So and defeated Veselin Topalov, drew with Temour Radjabov, lost to Anish, drew with Wang Hao, then came the big win over Carlsen, drew with Mamedyarov and Maxime Vachier-Lagrave.

This event was the prelude to the classical time format event comprising the same players.

Indian women's air rifle team clinches gold

Golden run: Ramita, Shreya and Elavenil, who finished on top of the podium. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPORTS BUREAU

The Indian women's air rifle team of Shreya Agrawal, Elavenil Valarivan and Ramita outplayed Denmark 17-5 for gold in the shooting World Cup in Baku, Azerbaijan, on Tuesday.

The Indian team started well by topping qualification in the first stage. It wavered a bit in the second stage, to be 0.6 point behind Denmark, but ensured its berth in the gold match.

The first medal helped India climb to the joint fifth spot in the medals table with Czech Republic, Finland, Greece and Iran, behind the leaders Korea, Serbia, Poland and France.

The men's air rifle team of Rudrankksh Patil, Dhanush Srikanth and Paarth Makhija, started well, but lost its way and eventually got beaten in the bronze medal match by Croatia 10-16.

In a packed calendar for the season, the Indian team had planned to pace itself judiciously and had opted to field only 12 rifle shooters in the current World Cup.

The results: Air rifle: Men: 1. Korea 16 (627.3) 936.3; 2. Australia 8 (626.6) 933.4; 3. Croatia (Josip Sikavica, Miran Maricic, Andrija Mikuljan) 16 (624.2) 940.0; 4. India (Rudrankksh Patil, Dhanush Srikanth, Paarth Makhija) 10 (624.9) 940.4.
Women: 1. India (Shreya Agrawal, Elavenil Valarivan, Ramita) 17 (628.6) 944.4; 2. Denmark (Anna Nielsen, Emma Koch, Rilike Ibsen) 5 (629.2) 942.8; 3. Poland 16 (626.6) 944.1; 4. Korea 10 (626.5) 944.2.

'Women deserve own IPL'

Shubhangi feels women's cricket has come a long way

CRICKET

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
PUNE

Opposite the tennis court at the famed Deccan Gymkhana Club in Pune is a shop that sells things exclusively cricket. At the cash counter you will find a middle-aged woman with cropped, salt-and-pepper hair.

Low-profile

She will help you choose the right bat or glove. Sometimes, her suggestions are met with arched eyebrows. Shubhangi Kulkarni, however, does not let on that she is well qualified to advise. She does not let on that she is a former India captain who played 19 Tests and 27 ODIs.

Most of the visitors to her shop may not know that she bowled the Indian women's team to its first-ever Test victory, or that she was a successful administrator who played a key role in the BCCI taking women's cricket under its wing.

Not that she minds!

She is happy just to spend time at Sunny's Sports Boutique, which she established some four decades ago in partnership with former Baroda cricketer Jairaj Mehta and Sunil Gavaskar.

Inside the shop, you will find posters of the batting legend. "Sunil's parents lived in Pune and he used to have training sessions with the widely respected coach Kamal Bhandarkar," Shubhangi tells *The Hindu*.

"He visits the shop whenever he is in Pune."

Gavaskar was the biggest icon of Indian cricket when Shubhangi began playing the game.

How it all started

"When I was still at school, my mother came to know of a camp conducted by the Maharashtra Cricket Association and she took me there," she recalls. "Then I also attended a camp by Lala Amarnath in Lucknow, in 1975-76."

After playing an invitation tournament at Nainital, she played in her first National tournament at Kolkata in 1974-75. A good show for the Combined Universities team against the touring New Zealand paved the way for her Test team entry.

Against the West Indies in 1976, she made a stunning debut in India's first official Test, at Bengaluru. After a five for 48 in the first innings with her leg-spin, she took two more wickets in the second. In the fourth Test of the six-match series, she took seven wickets to help India post its first Test win.

Able administrator

After hanging up her boots, she became an administrator. It was while she was the secretary of the Women's Cricket Association of India, in 2006, that the BCCI took over.

That was one big step forward for women's cricket. "Sharad Pawar had shown interest even before he took over as BCCI president," says Shubhangi. "Our women cricketers have benefited immensely because of that. Now they deserve their own IPL."

Raising the decibel level: Players from all over the world made their presence felt at the T20 Challenge. • SPORTZPICS/IPL

Argentina to take on Italy

The continental champions meet in the Finalissima at Wembley today

FOOTBALL

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BUENOS AIRES

Real Madrid's France star Karim Benezema deserves to win the Ballon d'Or, according to seven-time laureate Lionel Messi.

"There's no doubt, it's very clear that Benzema has had a spectacular year and has ended it by winning the Champions League," Messi told TyC Sports.

Messi was speaking ahead of a friendly with Italy at Wembley stadium in London, between two continental champions.

The match between the South American Copa America holders and the European champions, where many Argentines trace their roots, is known as the "Finalissima".

Study in contrast

But while Argentina stormed to qualification for the Qatar World Cup later this year with several games to spare, Italy astonishingly missed out after losing to minnow North Macedonia in a play-off.

"What happened with Italy is crazy, having won the Euros and not being at the World Cup, given Italy's history at the World Cup," he said.

"If Italy had been at the World Cup they would have been one of the favorites. They were unlucky. No one would have wanted to play them."

Meanwhile, Angel Di Maria will retire from international football after this year's World Cup.

It will be time: Di Maria

"After this World Cup it will be time, there are a lot of lads who are at international level, who are getting better and little by little they are going to show that they are at this standard," Di Maria said.

Di Maria, 34, played 121 times for the national side and scored 24 goals.

Kiran quietly pulls off a quartermile stunner

Her recent 51.84s makes the 21-year-old the second fastest Asian this year behind Aishwarya

ATHLETICS

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

While everything seems to be quiet at the Indian quartermilers' camp in Antalya, Turkey, there is a lot of fast-paced action happening back home.

A month after Aishwarya Mishra's stunning 51.18s at the Malappuram Federation Cup in April and the vanishing trick after that, another quartermiler Kiran Pahal has come up with an impressive time.

Kiran, from Sonepat, clocked 51.84s for the Haryana State title at Karnal a few days ago, a time that took her to the second spot in this year's Asian 400m list, behind Aishwarya.

Kiran hit the headlines with her 52.73s (improving from 55.18 in 2018) at the 2019 Ranchi National Open and was invited to the national relay camp.

But she had a very quiet life after that, clocking a best of 54.48s in 2021.

But now, with the inter-State Nationals – the main trials to select the Indian team for the World championships and Commonwealth Games – in Chennai coming up (June 10-14), she has managed to improve her time magically.

"I hope to clock 51.35s at the inter-State...that's the World championship qualifying mark, that's my target," Kiran told *The Hindu* on Tuesday evening.

"I had a hamstring injury last year during training and missed three months. Now, my workouts are good, they have improved. That's the reason for the good time."

Kiran joined the Railways as a junior clerk in Patiala last year and finished third (55.68s), behind Soniya Baishya and Loganayaki, in the inter-Railway meet in March this year.

Incidentally, the Railway meet came very close to the Federation Cup and she missed the Malappuram event.

Leading the pack: Kiran Pahal (in yellow jersey) claimed the Haryana State title in the 400m race. • FILE PHOTO

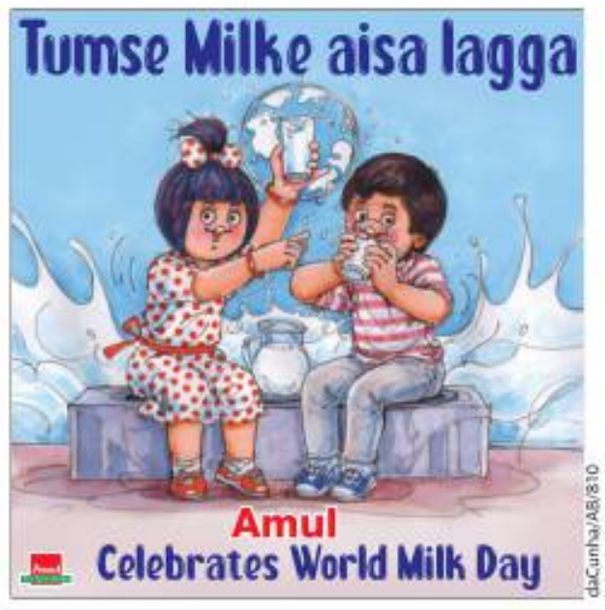
Ready for Chennai

But she is ready for Chennai and hopes to get back to the National camp.

"I was in the National camp in 2019 and 2020. If I get a call, I'll join immediately," said the 21-year-old whose last competition was the 400m trials last year to pick the Indian mixed relay team for the Tokyo Olympics.

Meanwhile, chief national coach Radhakrishnan Nair revealed that Kiran could be considered for the camp if she does well in Chennai.

"She did not take part in any of the AFI competitions this year. We will decide after seeing her performance in the inter-State," he said.



Budhial snatches victory from Ajeesh

Sofiya Sharma and Kishore Kumar top groms girls' & boys' under-16 sections

Champs: Winners in various categories of the Indian Open of Surfing. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SURFING

SPORTS BUREAU

In a nail-biting finish Karnataka's Ramesh Budhial snatched victory from Tamil Nadu's Ajeesh Ali and was crowned the new men's open surf category national champion on the final day of the third edition of the Indian Open of Surfing Panambur beach in Mangaluru, Karnataka, on Sunday.

Sugar Banarse and Sofiya Sharma were crowned the national champions in the women's open & groms girls' under-16 categories respectively.

Tamil Nadu's Kishore Kumar became the national champion in the groms boys' under-16 category.

Speaking after the tournament, Mr. Arun Vasu, president Surfing Federation of India, said, "I am very impressed with the quality of surfers whom we are watching compete here. With the LA Olympics in sight we are working hard to identify young and upcoming surfers.

"The quality and skill on display only gives me the confidence to keep believing in our objectives."

20-member squad for Ranji quarterfinals

CRICKET

SPORTS REPORTER
BENGALURU

Karnataka, on Tuesday, named a 20-member squad for the Ranji Trophy quarterfinal against Uttar Pradesh, starting on June 6 here.

Karnataka will miss the services of K.L. Rahul, who will be leading the Indian team in the T20Is against South Africa, and Prasidh Krishna, who has been named in the Indian Test squad for the fifth rescheduled Test against England in early July.

Speedster V. Koushik returns to the squad while bowling all-rounder Vidhyadhar Patil, who made his First Class debut in the group stage in February, doesn't find a place because of a knee injury.

V. Koushik. • FILE PHOTO

The team: Manish Pandey (capt.), R. Samarth, Mayank Agarwal, Devdutt Padikkal, Karun Nair, K.V. Siddharth, D. Nischal, Sharath Srinivas, B.R. Sharath, Shreyas Gopal, K. Gowtham, Shubhang Hegde, J. Suchith, K.C. Cariappa, Ronit More, V. Koushik, V. Vyshak, M. Venkatesh, Vidwath Kaverappa, Kishan S. Bedare.

Stimac backs India to qualify for Asian Cup

Head coach says team has prepared well despite injuries and a cancelled friendly

FOOTBALL

Y.B. SARANGI
KOLKATA

Despite all odds, Indian football team head coach Igor Stimac is backing his side to qualify for the AFC Asian Cup.

Even as the team has been troubled by injuries and cancellation of a friendly against Zambia, Stimac was satisfied with the overall preparation for the Asian Cup final qualifying round, starting here from June 8.

"The camp was planned carefully. Our main worry was fitness. The Ballari (camp) was a good decision. It had good facilities for fitness conditioning. Coming to Kolkata was a good choice. It's a football city. You get that extra needed to push players to the limit," said Stimac at a roundtable interaction on Tuesday, hours after the team landed here after playing its friendly against Jordan in Doha.

Igor Stimac. • REUTERS

"Only bad thing was Zambia cancelling the match."

Tangri to replace Ritwik

Stimac said that centre-back Deepak Tangri would replace Ritwik Das as the latter was ruled out due to chicken pox.

Looking back at the Jordan match, Stimac said, "We went into it with a great mindset, thinking how to win. Most of all, for me, is the quality of performance."

Entering the final week of preparation, Stimac said the primary goal would be to qualify for the Asian Cup. "We have to make sure India gets the points to qualify. We are here, ready and we will do it with the help of supporters."

Stimac said Afghanistan, which has allowed its players to play in foreign leagues, and Hong Kong, which has changed rules to allow foreigners, will be tough sides in Group D. He expected Cambodia to play counter-attacking football.

Stimac said even though the Indian Super League (ISL) provided a good stage, the youngsters getting good salaries there needed to be protected. "Salaries bring comfort and comfort brings weakness, weakness brings possible problems of disappearing soon."

Dismisses Gokulam claim

On I-League champion Gokulam Kerala coach Vincenzo Annese reportedly claiming that some of his players could play in the National side, Stimac said, "They had a great season, but let's stay realistic. Never mind the win Gokulam had against ATK. If they play 10 matches, they will win one. I am quite sure each coach of the I-League will say the same thing - three of its players could play."

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Sanket shines for Continental Automative CC

S.B. Sanket's all-round effort (84 n.o. & 4/28) helped Continental Automative CC defeat Karnataka Government Secretariat CC by 35 runs in the KSCA (Group II) second division tournament.

The scores:

BEML SC, KGF 147/9 in 20 overs (Rajan 74, Aarush Sunandanan 4/19) bt Railway Institute, Krishnarajapuram 142/5 in 20 overs (M. Likith Kumar 41, P. Naveen Krishna 61).

BEML Rail Coach 181/6 in 20 overs (N. Rohan 60, T. Sandeep 45, K. Muniraju 29 n.o., R. Sendil Kumar 3/24) bt ITC SC 134/9 in 20 overs (R. Chandrashekar 37, H.R. Madhukumar 3/26, K. Muniraju 4/25).

Indiabulls Housing & Finance Ltd 135/5 in 20 overs (R. Akshay 48, H.S. Shashidhar 29) bt Infosys CC 115 in 19.5 overs (Yash Kalasannavar 37, Prajwal Prakash 25, Kushal Pramesh 3/11).

ADE SC 158/7 in 20 overs (C. Sanjay Ashwin 59, Faizan Khan 55, Raju Kalal 3/39) lost to Union Bank of India 162/1 in 18 overs (Pareexith Okkunda 76 n.o., T. Vinay 28, Surya Srinivas 41 n.o.).

Bosch SC, Bangalore 146/8 in 20 overs (G. Harshith Raj 31, E.J. Jasper 35, S. Dheeraj 29, Dheeraj J.Gowda 3/26) lost to HAL SC 149/6 in 19.4 overs (Rahul Prasanna 35, K.R. Puttu 30).

Continental Automotive CC 173/2 in 20 overs (S.B. Sanket 84 n.o., A.K. Aniketh 41 n.o.) bt Karnataka Government Secretariat CC 138/9 in 20 overs (V. Prithvi 40, B. Mayur 37, S.B. Sanket 4/28).

Triton SC, Mysore 70 in 17.3 overs (M. Naveen Kumar 26, B.S. Suhas 4/6, N. Pratham 3/7) lost to South Railway Institute, Mysore 74/1 in 6.4 overs (S.U. Karthik 52 n.o.).

Karnataka Postal RC 139/9 in 20 overs (Ramesh Doopad 61) bt IAF, Jalahalli 128 in 19.3 overs (Akash Kumar Sahoo 30).

Bangalore Division SA, SWR 186/1 in 20 overs (S. Bharath Kumar 55, Gaurov Shanbhag 96 n.o., P. Pramodh 26 n.o.) bt Bangalore Telephone CC 177/6 in 20 overs (Shahid Shariff 27, D. Mohit Varma 43, Syed Mudaseer Ahmed 26, Suhasa Adiga 45 n.o.).

South India FC posts win

South India FC defeated RS Sports FC 6-3 in the BDFA B-division league championship, here on Tuesday.

The results: South India FC 6 (Ajit Ram 2, Shekar Bahdur Thapa 3, 51, Bapi Paul 17, Luckey Soren 31, Abhay Raj 57) bt RS Sports FC 3 (Sandeep 7, 45, 70+1); Sree Gajanana FC 5 (Alagarswamy 6, 55, Joshua 26, Gobinath 28, S. Vijay 29) bt Royals FC 3 (V.M. Mohd. Anas 44, 50, V. Vikram 49); DYES FC 3 (Sharanappa 43, 64, Santosh 70) bt Bangalore Mars FC 1 (Sunil Kumar 49); Goans FC 2 (Karan Tamang 40, Aryan Subba 51) bt Vehicles FC 1 (Latesh 15).

'Time to focus on CWG, gold is high on priority'

Need to get back to training and face the next challenges, says Chirag

BADMINTON

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NEW DELHI

The sweet taste of the Thomas Cup title win will linger but Chirag Shetty, one of the architects of that historic triumph, knows it's time to move on and focus on the next challenge at hand – Commonwealth Games.

One half of India's best doubles pair, Chirag played a pivotal role both on and off the court to help India achieve an unprecedented win at the Thomas Cup tournament, considered to be the 'World Cup' of shuttle sport.

"The feeling of that week still remains but it's time to get back to training and face the next challenges, starting with the Commonwealth Games, World Championships and Asian Games," the 24-year-old said.

"We have done well in Commonwealth Games last time and the Thomas cup win will act as a booster for us to retain the mixed team gold." India had won the mixed team gold at the 2018 CWG for the first time and Chirag feels they can repeat the performance this year too.

Booster dose: Chirag feels the Thomas cup win will inspire India to retain the mixed team gold in Birmingham. • AP

"Competition is much tougher in Thomas Cup. So winning the trophy for me was simply the highlight of Indian badminton. CWG is a mixed team event, so naturally the dynamics will change.

"Malaysia has a strong team this time also. They might be seeded higher than us because of their women's doubles and mixed doubles players, but if we are able to have that fire once again and urge to win, we can retain the gold." Chirag and his partner Satwiksairaj Rankireddy will also look to change the colour of their individual silver medal (in men's doubles) that they had secured at Gold Coast.

"Last time we were very new in the circuit. But now a lot of things have changed. We are now in the top 10, we have the experience of competing and winning against top players. So winning the gold will be high on our priority," he said.

The CWG Games is scheduled in Birmingham from July 28 to August 8 this year.

French authorities back police action at final, blame industrial level fraud for chaos

Say more than 30,000 tried to enter stadium with fake tickets; UEFA orders probe; Liverpool reviewing legal avenues

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

ASSOCIATED PRESS
PARIS

French authorities defended police on Monday for indiscriminately firing tear gas and pepper spray at Liverpool supporters at the Champions League final, while blaming industrial levels of fraud that saw 30,000 to 40,000 people try to enter the Stade de France with fake tickets or none at all.

UEFA ordered an independent report that it said would "examine decision making, responsibility and behaviors of all entities involved in the final" and be made public.

After a meeting into Saturday's chaos, the French ministers of the sport and the interior shifted responsibility onto the Liverpool fans while not providing details on how they were sure so many fake tickets were in circulation. People with legitimate tickets bought through Liverpool and UEFA reported struggling to access the stadium.

Pre-filtering

"There was massive fraud at an industrial level and an organisation of fake tickets because of the pre-filtering by the Stade de France and the French Football Federation, 70% of the tickets were fake tickets coming into the Stade de France," Interior minister Gerald Darmanin said.

The French sports ministry provided no evidence for its claims and it did not respond to a follow-up email after hosting a combative news conference.

Crowd trouble: Police spray tear gas at Liverpool fans outside the stadium prior to the UEFA Champions League final on Saturday. • GETTY IMAGES

Liverpool chief executive Billy Hogan said it was "completely inappropriate" for the French authorities to be forming conclusions and commenting on numbers so early.

"At this stage I think it's just not responsible to be making comments before we've actually gathered all the information," Hogan said. "How can (the number of fans without tickets) be quantified at this stage, before we've had an independent and transparent investigation? There's also been quotes about people with fake tickets. But, again, how do we know all the facts until we've had an investigation?"

Hogan said Liverpool was "reviewing legal avenues" on behalf of supporters.

Tear gas and pepper spray was targeted at Liverpool fans, impacting children – a tactic defended by Darmanin to prevent deaths.

"I'd like to thank the forces of law and order, also those who worked in the stadium because they were very calm and they were able to avoid drama and so thank you for organising the pre-filtering but lifting it when there was too much pressure to avoid a drama," Darmanin said. "That was a decision made by the prefecture to avoid any kind of deaths or seriously injured."

French Sports minister Amelie Oueda-Castera blamed fans arriving at the stadium late for the crowd control issues, but did not say when they should have arrived at the stadium on the outskirts of Paris.

"We have seen, we have to improve in risky matches certain aspects with regard to managing the flows, first filtering, second filtering, and we have to make sure we look at electronic ticketing as closely as possible so we can avoid fraud as far as ticketing is concerned," Oueda-Castera said.

Compensation

Oueda-Castera did say supporters who couldn't get into the stadium should be compensated, but ignored questions as she left the news conference.

"We are extremely sorry for all the people whose experience was wasted all that evening," Oueda-Castera said. "For the people who had bought tickets and were unable to attend the match. That's why we have asked UEFA to really work on a compensation system for those people – 2,700, including British people – so that they get compensation."